

## Achievements celebrated



The 2020 Byron Shire Citizens of the year, who are pictured with mayor Simon Richardson (second from left) and Cr Sarah Ndiaye (second from right). Heart health advocate Andy Paschalidis, Byron Shire's 2020 Australia Day ambassador, is pictured left. Photo supplied

The Byron Shire Australia Day awards were held last Saturday, January 25, at the Cavanbah Centre in Byron Bay where seven awards were given to deserving individuals and groups.

### Citizen of the year

Past president of Liberation Larder, Helen Hamilton, was named the Byron Shire's Citizen of the Year in recognition of her service to the community.

### Young Citizen

Over the last six years, James Wright has volunteered with BUDDI for the Byron Schoolies Safety Response. James is also a director of the Byron Youth Service and the Byron Youth Activities Centre.

### Creative Artist

Niah McLeod's work has been

commissioned by councils, companies and individuals, and she has won awards for her work in Australia. Niah is a symbol of influence for all young Indigenous people.

### Volunteer

Margaret Robinson volunteers as an usher at Byron Community Centre and she is a director/board member of both the Northern Rivers Community Fund and the Northern Rivers Community College. In 1997 she helped transform Byron's Marvell Hall into a thriving space.

### Sportsperson

Mark 'Mono' Stewart lost his right leg below the knee when he was just 16, but this has never impeded his determination. By the mid 1980s he became a state champion knee boarder. In 2015, Mark won the International Surfing Association's World

Adaptive Championships in the US.

### Environmental project

Linda Sparrow from Bangalow Koalas has gained national and international recognition after enhancing koala corridors, and continues to work with government agencies and raises funds and plant trees to support the protection and sustainability of our local koalas.

### Community event

Nudge Nudge Wink Wink is a community-led series of fundraising parties 'with a conscience,' established three years ago. Its organisers have raised more than \$300,000 for charities such as Byron Youth Service (BYS) and Head-space, Future Dreamers, The UNCLE project and Wet Weather Shelter Project for the homeless.

## Mullum's stormwater and sewerage woes laid bare

Paul Bibby

A Council assessment has found that nearly 70 per cent of the stormwater network in the oldest part of Mullumbimby is at a high risk of failure, highlighting the urgent need for an assessment of the network across the entire Shire.

The report, commissioned by Council, will be tabled at the Water, Waste and Sewer Advisory Committee at its January 30 meeting.

It has found that the stormwater and sewerage mains in the centre of Mullum, and areas immediately south, have suffered significant deterioration and have not been sufficiently maintained.

As a result, 69 per cent of the stormwater network and 41 per cent of the sewer network in the oldest parts of Mullum have either a high or very high risk of failure.

This could result in properties being flooded, pipes collapsing, or the collapse of pavements and road surfaces in some places owing to sinkholes.

### \$1m replacement cost

So what's the cost?

The report found that replacement and rectification works to the tune of \$1.09 million were required immediately.

There were also 38 mains or maintenance holes that could not be assessed because of 'obstructions' or because they 'could not be found'.

Sewerage works valued at \$515,000 were due to go out to tender late last year, and are estimated to be completed by the end of the current financial year.

However, there is currently no

budget for the \$580,000 worth of stormwater works.

The Council report said a request to fund these works was being submitted to the Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

### Nothing recommend

Duncan Dey, a member of the Water, Waste and Sewer Advisory Committee, which is due to receive the report on January 30, said the committee was being asked to 'recommend nothing to Council and to just note the report'.

The former councillor said he hoped the committee will instead recognise the high level of deterioration of the two systems, built between the 1940s and 1960s.

Additionally he is wanting to 'recommend expediting the current estimated expenditure to Council, recognising that this may be only the beginning.'

He said that ongoing assessment and maintenance is necessary over the life of the systems and that deterioration would worsen over time, requiring eventual replacement.

Council staff noted that the poor condition of sewerage and stormwater in Mullumbimby highlighted the fact that other portions of the network across the Shire may also be in 'particularly poor condition'.

'It is proposed, in future, to replicate the [assessment] approach that has been adopted for this portion of the Mullumbimby catchment, and apply it to the remainder of the network in a prudent and efficient manner,' staff said.

This was due to begin in the current financial year, with the

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## Australia Day in Byron Shire



Yolngu elder Dr Djiniyini Gondarra OAM, with the Dubai Dancers at Sunday's Survival Day in Byron. Meanwhile, Kirsten Ellis wears the red, white and blue at the Wategos to Main Beach paddle. Photo Jeff Dawson



## A closer peek at Council's holiday letting policy

Hans Lovejoy

Residents have until January 30 to have their say on Council's holiday letting policy.

This is a big, complicated policy that aims to regulate Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA).

The Council staff report, underpinning the policy, claims the industry has grown dramatically in recent years.

In September 2019, they wrote, 'Approximately 18 per cent of all dwellings were listed on Airbnb, with numbers in Byron Bay exceeding 40 per cent.'

Citing data from [www.insideairbnb.com](http://www.insideairbnb.com), 'Byron Shire accounts for more Airbnb listings than all other Northern Rivers Local government areas combined.'

In short, a development application (DA) will be required to holiday let your home, which means meeting

as-yet-to-be determined requirements.

The draft policy proposes new planning controls to be inserted into the Byron LEP 2014 to define and regulate short term rental accommodation.

Additional to the policy, mapping will identify the maximum number of days (zero, 90 and 365 days per year) for short term rental accommodation in the Shire.

But there are scant details about how it will be implemented - for example there are yet-to-be-stated 'aims, objectives and matters to be considered when assessing a development application for short-term rental accommodation.'

*The Echo* asked staff what fees/rates are proposed for the STRA uses and, 'Has there been any reporting on what fees will be applied?' Staff replied, 'Costs and

or fees will depend on the regulation and management regime adopted by Council, and approved via the planning proposal process being progressed by staff for the consideration of the state government. Council is currently exploring options for a council registration scheme for STRA, any proposal will be reported to Council and fees associated with it would be exhibited as part of the annual fees and charges.'

### Occupancy limits

As for occupancy limits per household, 'It is intended to limit short term rental accommodation to a maximum of two persons per bedroom, up to a maximum of 12 persons, whichever is the lesser. For example, a three bedroom house would be limited to a maximum of six persons, while a ten bedroom house would be

limited to a maximum of 12 persons. The figure is inclusive of guests, hosts and any other permanent residents.'

Under the proposal, hosted accommodation will be allowed 365 days per year [in designated areas] and non-hosted accommodation limited to 90 days per year.

As with any big new policy, it will likely be a drain on Council resources.

The staff report says that developing a register 'may require additional funding', and that 'Council's development assessment services may be placed under increasing pressure as landowners seek to regularise their activities.'

Staff also note that none of the new rules, which are proposed by the NSW government, have come into force yet.

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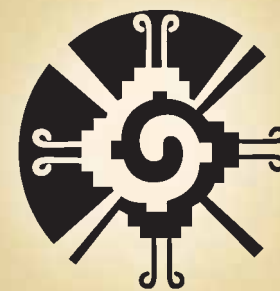
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# Elder makes case for changing the date

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

The Survival Day event in Byron Bay played host to a very special visitor, when the Rev Dr Djiniyini Gondarra, a senior Yolngu man of the Dhurilli clan of Northeast Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory, spoke to the crowd gathered on Main Beach.

Dr Djiniyini Gondarra has spent much of the last 50 years of his life as a civil rights activist for his people.

Throughout his life he has walked gracefully as a Yolngu lawman, spiritual leader, freedom fighter and community leader.

Dr Gondarra believes that the day Australians celebrate being Australian should be a day that everyone can celebrate, not a day that Indigenous people are in mourning.

'The 26th of January, this "Australia Day" we are being asked to celebrate the day Captain Phillip came and put that flag here? For us, this is the invasion day.

'I would like to see them change the date so that we can celebrate something without mourning how we lost our great people.

'I would love to see them choose another date for Australia Day, when we all, whether we are Aboriginal or white or anyone who has been naturalised an Australian, can celebrate the birth



Local film director Sinem Saban with Rev Dr Djiniyini Gondarra.

of a nation, when the seven colonies came together: January 1'.

Dr Gondarra says he wants to see a way that Indigenous people can make a treaty with the government, but believes many of the obstacles are seated in the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* and that only people from certain parts of country can be recognised on that country.

'In this area here, there are the Arakwal, the Bundjalung and you are all allies. But there is a particular clause in the Land Rights Act that says in this country here, only Arakwal people can be recognised here, not

somebody else. That's written in there. That's a divide and conquer... if you are allies, you are stronger.'

Dr Gondarra says the way Aboriginal people work is to have allies - there are pathways to visit another nation and enter into a treaty with them.

'What I am trying to do is find a way that the government can come and sit with us, with the elders of all the nations - forget about land councils, forget the people that the government have "shaped" and we are told "this is your leader". No! This is not my leader. You shape them and give them to us. No! They are not our

leaders, we didn't choose them - send the government diplomats to talk to us, to the elders, to our chosen leaders.'

Dr Gondarra is set to make a new documentary with local film director Sinem Saban, who has worked closely with him for the last 12 years, in particular for her first documentary *Our Generation*.

Ms Saban says, 'I can't think of any other people that we need to be listening to right now other than our Indigenous people. More so than scientists and academics.'

To find out more about the film or to donate to the crowd-funder, visit [www.gofundme.com/f/2020-People-Power](http://www.gofundme.com/f/2020-People-Power).

# Shedding open day coming your way

Aslan Shand

The Shedding Community Workshop has been running in Mullumbimby since May 2018, and has seen over 300 students pass through its workshops.

Now you have a chance to go and see what all the excitement is about at their free open day, running on Sunday, February 2, 10am till 3pm.

The open day will include a range of workshops, demonstrations, information stalls, food, drink and music.

'The whole point of community shedding is about making it accessible to all people regardless of their genders, age or financial backgrounds,' said Sophie Wilksch, who founded the Mullumbimby Community Shedding workshop space.

'The open day is about sharing skills, knowledge, and information between people, as well as between the organisations involved in supporting it. The community shedding workshops are about carpentry, building, and everything between,'

explains Sophie.

'It is not just about how to use tools, it is also about how to overcome challenges and obstacles, and people take that back into the world with them. They learn how to say, "here's a problem, how can we work through this?"'

Sophie also highlights that the workshops are about social connection in a world where many people feel isolated and are seeking community.

To join the workshop you firstly participate in a three hour 'UpSkill' workshop.

The UpSkill workshop runs by donation every Friday morning, followed by a casual afternoon skill-sharing workshop - Tools 'n Tinker.

A range of carpentry and building courses are available from pay-by-donation, government-funded VET courses, and full cost courses, to ensure that everyone has access.

For more information on Shedding for everyone, check out Shedding Community Workshop on Facebook or email [shedding.communityworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:shedding.communityworkshop@gmail.com).

# Sewer and stormwater woes

► Continued from page 1 assessment of catchments in Byron Bay and Ocean Shores, which had been identified as high risk.

However, staff said that owing to a lack of funding for the stormwater network, the gravity sewer main assessments would have to be undertaken in isolation

without stormwater.

The report said, 'When considering the degree of urgent rectification works that were required following the Mullumbimby assessment, it is likely that the budget of \$5m over five years will be insufficient to adequately manage the sewer network.'

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Over approximately 15 weeks, a significant number of load log girders and piles will be replaced, 'as well as removal and replacement of old, decaying timbers with new or re-purposed timbers from previously dismantled bridges in Bangalow'.

Greens mayor Simon Richardson said, 'This is

an iconic bridge and a major thoroughfare requiring extensive structural upgrades, and we are very pleased we can now get on with the job of increasing the structural integrity and safety of this bridge for the long term.'

Director Infrastructure Services Phil Holloway said the bridge works will be undertaken in two stages, one side at a time, 'so that single lane traffic flow is available to the community throughout the project'.

## Big weekend of short films

Fresh from its ten day Bondi event, Australia's largest short film festival, Flickerfest, returns to Australia's biggest little town from Thursday January 30 to Saturday February 1.

It is the first leg of a national tour, which will see over 40 short films screened, including Academy® nominees, much loved festival award winners and exciting local talent.

Flickerfest's organisers say their 2020 program was selected from 3,600 entries, from 100 countries, 'giving Northern Rivers audiences a first look at the hottest short films in the world over three big cinema-packed days at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall'.

Fest director Bronwyn Kidd says, 'Flickerfest is thrilled to be a platform for supporting and celebrating so many female-driven



Some of the Flickerfest team: Amy Hoogenboom (production co-ordinator), Bronwyn Kidd (festival director) and Shane Rennie (tour and production manager). Photo Jeff Dawson

stories this year, and I'm also super excited to be bringing Flickerfest home to Mullumbimby, where I live'.

Thursday's international line-up includes the intimate

French animation *Memorable*, which is nominated for the upcoming Academy® Awards.

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## Flood study – what are the recommendations?

Aslan Shand

The devastating impacts of flooding in the north of Byron Shire were brought home to the local community during the 2017 floods that resulted from Ex-Cyclone Debbie.

Those floods left both businesses and homes in Billinudgel, many of which had never previously been flooded, with severe damage. Similar effects were felt throughout the Shire in Mullumbimby, Ocean Shores, New Brighton, South Golden Beach and Brunswick Heads.

The Draft North Byron Catchment Flood Risk Management Study examines the challenges that these communities are facing, as well as the potential future impacts of how and where development will be occurring. It is currently on public exhibition and is open for community feedback until February 21.

The Draft North Byron Catchment Flood Risk Management Study focuses on the Brunswick River, Simpsons Creek and Marshalls Creek catchments and provides detailed information on flood impacts, mitigation options, evacuation routes and management of flood events.

Duncan Dey, a member of the flood committee and former councillor, says, 'The new consultants engaged for the second phase have the capacity to fulfil the task. They have had to re-do significant

aspects of the 2016 flood study, because it fell short and had gaping errors. For example the way the 2016 study had taken some of the modelling parameters well out of their accepted range to try to repair some anomalies in results.'

### Mullumbimby

In the report, Mullumbimby is identified as the most flood affected town in the catchment and '41 per cent of all flood affected residential properties are located in Mullumbimby'.

The report identifies the high level of sensitivity of 'Mullumbimby and its surrounds to changes in topography through increased roughness and fill from future development. Simply managing development in the floodway and flood storage area through either prevention or balance cut-and-fill may not be refined enough to manage these impacts across the study area', it says.

The impact of developing the area to the south of Mullumbimby, called precinct 4 in the Mullumbimby Masterplan (MMP), that includes Lot 22, for residential development (also identified in the Draft Residential Strategy) is of considerable concern to many residents. The community survey, done as part of the study, identified that residents want to ensure that future flood management strategies do 'not disadvantage other parts of the community'.

Council and land owners in the area identified as South Mullumbimby (Precinct 4) have been required to produce a separate study for that area as part of their gateway determination. However, this study is not currently available for comment.

Mr Dey said, 'I'm really pissed off, because Council has gone out of its way to do special bits of study for Lot 22, and the south precinct [South Mullumbimby Precinct 4] and has not shared that with the flood committee prior to releasing the draft that is now on exhibition.'

The impact of cumulative development is identified as a key area of concern in relation to flooding of Mullumbimby and surrounds in the draft study. The study's authors recommend further investigation.

In reply to these concerns, Council staff told *The Echo* that the North Byron Floodplain Risk Management Study and Mullumbimby Release Area Flood and Stormwater Assessment are separate projects, currently underway.

They said the Mullumbimby Release Area Flood and Stormwater assessment 'relates to possible new residential areas identified in the exhibited draft Residential Strategy, that are located along the southern fringe of the Mullumbimby township. The findings of this assessment are important to inform the early

implementation affordable housing initiative and the overall Residential Strategy.

A draft flood study is currently under review by staff and, with the Residential Strategy, will be reported to Council for consideration in early 2020'.

### Voluntary purchase?

The report recommends investigating the option of voluntary purchase of houses, identifying a possible 15 houses across the Shire's north (nine of which are in Mullumbimby and four in New Brighton). It is suggested that the land is then 'given over to public space and should be rezoned as an appropriate use... so that no future development can take place [on those blocks of land]'.

### Billinudgel levee

A potential levee for Billinudgel is proposed as well as infrastructure improvements for Billinudgel. It is proposed to buy back one house in the village. However, dredging of the Brunswick River, its tributaries, or the Marshalls Creek, is not recommended as a flood management option.

Similarly no further changes to the rock walls at Brunswick Heads were recommended, along with creating new ocean outlets.

While the walls may slow down flood water exiting, they also slow down the impacts of ocean inundation, according to the study.

# Vale Byron identity Stephen Reynolds

By Stephen's family

For those of us locals still in love with our Byron Bay from the 1990s, the passing of Stephen Reynolds signals the end of our earthly connection with his iconic Angel Cafe.

Originally a speech writer from parliament house in Canberra, Stephen embraced the proverbial sea change lifestyle with his then wife Christine and children Justin and Louise.

The Cavanbah Coffee Shop (opposite the Beach Hotel) became 'Steve's Place' and then, with a touch of divine inspiration, local artist Ian McConnell transformed the ceiling with a gathering of heavenly figures floating above a scaled-down Greek archway.

And so the Angel Cafe was brought into being.

Even up until his final days, Stephen humbly resisted any suggestion that his boyish good looks and grin were the inspiration for their angelic faces.

In addition to his Angel Cafe toque, Stephen also wore a variety of other hats in the community, ranging from being a humble



Stephen Reynolds. Photo supplied

volunteer, to purveyor of tasty seafood delights.

## Community work

Steve helped with the organising of Byron Bay Book Club, Bay FM's Classical Gas Show in the 90s, the soup kitchen, running the Byron Bay High School canteen as a volunteer, and was an important part of Byron High's P&C as well as a relief teacher.

His natural wit and quick-fire banter easily lent

themselves to his community work.

Stephen's family are planning a celebration of his life with a simple morning tea and gathering in Byron Bay, at a later date, to be advised.

Please join us as we raise our glasses of dandy soy latte (with honey) to the heavens, and say thanks Stephen, for all the great conversations and memories, as we farewell one of the Bay's true gentlemen.

# Claire Oelrichs receives OAM

In the Australia Day honours list, local environmentalist Claire Oelrichs has received the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) from the Governor General of Australia.

Locals Stephen Garbutt and Robyn Gray also received the award.

The Coopers Shoot environmental scientist and veterinarian received the prestigious medal for her contributions to conservation, particularly in Indonesia.

With her husband Ian (who also received an OAM),



they identified a team of investors to grow ecotourism to help protect orangutans in Indonesian Borneo.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE HABITAT STAGE 5 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION

Bayshore Development Pty Ltd will shortly submit to Byron Shire Council a Development Application for the last stage of Habitat - Stage 5 at 1 Porter Street, Byron Bay NSW 2481. To ensure people in the neighbourhood have a full understanding of the proposal before it's lodged with Council a Community Consultation Session is being conducted.

Stage 5 relates to a Mixed Use development, with a basement carpark and three levels above, over two Habitat Community Title blocks and part of Penny Lane. The proposal entails:

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- Networking spaces, shared meeting rooms and the like
- Studio Space (yoga pilates and the like, with evening classes focussed on health and wellness)
- A bicycle shop

At the Community Consultation Session, the proposal will be explained in detail. The Community Consultation Session will take place between **5.30pm and 7pm** on **Friday 7th February 2020** at **The Large Meeting Room** in **HABITAT Building T2**. Personnel associated with the preparation of the application will be on hand to answer any questions and hear any concerns. To ensure we have satisfactorily catered for those wishing to attend, **please confirm your attendance to this event via [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/community-consultation-session-habitat-stage-5-tickets-90904001315](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/community-consultation-session-habitat-stage-5-tickets-90904001315)**

You may review some of the proposed plans on the **website** - [www.habitatbyronbay.com.au/community-consultation](http://www.habitatbyronbay.com.au/community-consultation). We need to receive any comments or suggestions you have no later than **5pm on 12th February**.

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## Concerns over impacts from beach camps



Former NSW Greens MLC Ian Cohen is urging locals to start taking pictures of 'every act of free camping indecency until all agencies enforce the rules.' He said, 'We are inundated with every imaginable form of illegal "free" camping,

damaging the dune system, accessing facilities, and making a mockery of respect for the environment.' 'The Byron image is being trashed on every environmental front.'

Photo Ian Cohen

## Parcels on exhibition



Byron-bred and now Berlin-based band, Parcels, are the subject of a new photography exhibition called *The Lost Art of Privacy: A documentation of a band called Parcels*. It opens at Thom Gallery Friday, January 31, and is described as 'an intimate and tender look into the lives of the band, captured by French photographer Jean F R Raclet'. Thom Gallery is located at 6 Fern Place, Byron Bay.

## Bronze Medallion course in Bruns



Pictured are some of Bruns' brightest Bronze Medallion graduates. Photo supplied

Guy Knox

Simon Ceglinski, the chief training officer at Brunswick SLSC, is running a Bronze Medallion course starting on Sunday, February 2, over six to eight weeks (one evening and one weekend day each week).

### Prac and theory

The course covers practical and theory subjects, including rescue board handling in surf conditions, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, radio operations, tube and board rescue techniques, and all factors relating to

beach safety.

The successful candidates receive a Certificate Two in Public Safety.

It's the best \$160 you'll ever spend (which helps cover the cost of uniforms and admin.)

If you enjoy outdoor activities and feel that you would like to join a fun and vibrant group of likeminded people, check out the Brunswick Surf Life Saving Page and register your interest with Simon at training@brunswickslsc.org.

■ Guy Knox is from Brunswick SLSC

## Nanna pic auctioned for RFS fundraiser

For Felicity Cahill of Drake, the fires that raged through her town in September 2019 will be unforgettable.

As part of the Knitting Nannas Against Gas annual calendar, *Echo* photographer Eve Jeffery, aka Tree Faerie, took a photo of Felicity in the ruins of the bush near her house in November 2019 and printed the image on to canvas as an auction item to

raise funds for the Northern Rivers RFS and fire-affected wildlife. *Felicity - Praying for Rain* has only been printed on the 2020 calendar and is a one off. Bids can be made by emailing info@cloudcatchermedia.com, or on the Cloudcatcher Media Facebook/ Instagram pages.

Pictured with the photo are RFS vollies Aslan Shand and Ewan Willis.



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# Won't be back to parliament early

Calls by local NSW Greens MP Tamara Smith to return to parliament early to enact laws that would allow immediate cash payments to bushfire survivors have been rejected by local Nationals MLC Ben Franklin.



Nationals MLC Ben Franklin

Franklin, who lost against incumbent MP Tamara Smith in the March 2019 election, told *The Echo*, that instead members of NSW parliament, 'Should be in their electorates providing what support they can during this period.'

'The bushfires in Australia at the moment are devastating and the government is working around the clock to support families and communities who have lost so much.'

'NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian [Liberal] has announced a \$1 billion boost to the NSW Disaster Relief Package to rebuild roads, schools, bridges and other infrastructure, to get towns and communities back on their feet.'

'The state government has worked closely with the federal government to deliver a further \$2 billion in bushfire disaster relief funds, which will focus on cash payments

to individuals, small businesses and councils.'

Despite the rhetoric, there are reports that those who have lost everything have been provided with just \$1,280 (for an individual) in relief funding from the NSW government (Source: ABC).

Yet Franklin claims his government is 'committed to supporting affected individuals, families and the broader community to get back on their feet as soon as possible.'

## \$3b package

He says the state and federal coalition governments have 'allocated over \$3 billion to help affected areas.'

'It is critical that people in affected areas can access a range of support as quickly as possible.'

'The government also offers an array of services to bushfire affected populations including site clean-up, for both insured and uninsured properties, and a Bushfire Housing Assistance Service to provide accommodation options and financial assistance for temporary accommodation to those whose homes have been lost.'

'Minister for Agriculture, Adam Marshall, has also established emergency fodder points to provide feed to stock affected by fires, and through the Department of Primary Industries, animal welfare services are being offered, including veterinary support and care of animals in evacuation centres.'

## MPs should support communities

'Many MPs on all sides of parliament live in fire affected areas and have been supporting their communities and defending their towns (and sometimes their own homes) during this devastating time.'

'An early return to

Parliament, I believe, would be inappropriate.'

'Access to health services is extremely important for all those in fire affected areas and I would encourage everyone to get regular health check-ups and see their doctor if they have any concerns'

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For further information, visit your local council website or [www.rous.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rous.nsw.gov.au)



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Council Administration Centre	70 Station Street, Mullumbimby
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In Byron? Customer service for general enquiries now at Byron Visitor Centre, 80 Jonson Street, Byron Bay. Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 12.00pm and 12.30pm to 4.00pm or phone 02 6626 7000. Card only payments accepted at this location.

Documents on exhibition are available for viewing at the customer service centre in Mullumbimby and on Council's website at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice).

## MAKE A SUBMISSION

Submissions may be made to Council in the following ways:

Online: [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/Make-a-submission](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/Make-a-submission)

Written: Address to: General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219, Mullumbimby NSW 2482

Email: [submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au)

Please be aware that all submissions will be made public in accordance with Schedule 1 Part 3 Clause 1(a)(vi) of the GIPA 2009 Regulations as applicable including both the substance of the submission and the identity of the author. For further assistance please contact our Records team on 02 6626 7113.

## CURRENT VACANCIES

Apply for a job at Council. For current vacancies refer to [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/Working-at-Byron-Shire-Council/Current-vacancies](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/Working-at-Byron-Shire-Council/Current-vacancies).

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## INVITATION TO SUBMIT COMMENT

### PLANNING CONTROLS TO PROVIDE AN APPROVAL MECHANISM FOR WEDDINGS AND EVENTS IN RURAL AREAS

A planning proposal and draft Development Control Plan 2014 Chapter D9 to regulate weddings and events in our rural areas are on exhibition for four weeks from 29 January until Friday 28 February 2020.

The planning proposal previously exhibited in late 2018, has been amended as a result of two changes determined by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to:

- remove the reference to permitting rural events on land zoned RU1 Primary Production, (events would only be permitted on land zoned RU2 Rural Landscape); and
- remove many of the detailed provisions and include them within an amendment to the Byron Development Control Plan 2014 (DCP).

The DPIE's approval requires public exhibition of the amended Planning Proposal and a new DCP 2014 Chapter D9: Rural Event Sites.

To find out more, come along to a community briefing meeting where Council staff will explain the proposal and answer your questions:

**When:** Tuesday 11 February 2020

**Where:** Bangalow A & I Hall

**Time:** 5.30-7.00pm

Your feedback is important to us. The Planning Proposal and draft DCP Chapter D9 for rural event sites can also be viewed on Council's website at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice).

For information on lodging a submission, and where to address it, refer to the "Make a submission" section within Council's advertising.

**Submissions close: 28 February 2020**

Enquiries: Rob van Iersel 02 6626 7054

## PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

### ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979

The following development applications (DA) have been received by Council and require exhibition in accordance with Development Control Plan 2014 (A14). The DAs may be viewed online at Council's website [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/find-a-DA](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/find-a-DA) or by using the Online Kiosks at Councils Customer Service Centre during normal office hours.

DA submissions can be lodged using an online form via Council's eServices Portal. Once you have viewed a copy of the DA, select 'Make a Submission' to lodge a submission directly with Council. Information on making a submission is available at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Make-a-submission-on-a-DA](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Make-a-submission-on-a-DA).

If you are making a submission, there are requirements in relation to the disclosure of political gifts and donations. Refer to Council's website to satisfy yourself that you are complying with your disclosure obligations prior to lodging a submission [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Political-donations-disclosure](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Political-donations-disclosure).

**Please quote the development application and property description when making a submission.**

#### EXHIBITION CLOSES 6 FEBRUARY 2020

**10.2018.305.2 – Mullumbimby, 77 Tuckeroo Avenue (Lot 162 DP 1251169)** Bayview Land Development Pty Ltd, S4.55 to Modify Subdivision Layout, Include Underground Drainage Pit and modify requirements relating to Biodiversity Conservation Management Plan and Plantings

**10.2020.1.1 – Byron Bay, 27 Coral Court (Lot 27 DP 260562)** Mr T Lonergan, Use of Alterations and Additions and New Alterations to Existing Dwelling House, New Secondary Dwelling and Swimming Pool

#### EXHIBITION CLOSES 7 FEBRUARY 2020

**10.2019.616.1 – Byron Bay, 137 Jonson Street, 139 Jonson Street, 3 Browning Street (Lot 21 DP 247289, Lot 5 Sec 51 DP 758207, Lot 60 DP 1256365)** Mr M Scott, Demolition of Existing Buildings and Construction of Mixed Use Development

#### EXHIBITION CLOSES 12 FEBRUARY 2020

**10.2020.4.1 – Mullumbimby, 4 Towers Drive (Lot 44 DP 1232486)** Newton Denny Chapelle, Three (3) Retail Outlets, Recreational Facility (Indoor) and Ancillary Caretaker's Dwelling

**10.2020.18.1 – Brunswick Heads, 9/7 Fingal Street (Lot 9 SP 48157)** Expanse Brunswick Heads Pty Ltd, Change of Use to Recreation Facility (Indoor)

**10.2019.666.1 – Byron Bay, 12 Burns Street (Lot 4 Sec 41 DP 758207)** Ardill Payne & Partners, Multi-Dwelling Housing comprising Four(4) Townhouses and Four (4) Swimming Pools

**10.2020.23.1 – Ewingsdale, 23 Sunrise Lane and 23A Sunrise Lane (Lot 12 DP 1023942, Lot 11 DP 1023942)** Town Planning Studio Pty Ltd, Reconstruction of Existing Restaurant

**10.2016.625.2 – Mullumbimby, 35-37 Burringbar Street (Lot B DP 302891)** Mr B J Lawless, S4.55 Minor Modifications to Design and Conditions

## DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS

In accordance with Section 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (as amended)*, notification is hereby given of the following development consents granted by Council. The consents listed are available to view Online at Council's website [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/find-a-DA](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/find-a-DA).

Information relating to these applications as required by Schedule 1, Division 4, Clause 20(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (as amended)* is also available online.

#### APPLICATIONS APPROVED

**10.2019.519.1 – Byron Bay, 8 Palm Place** Secondary Dwelling

**10.2019.541.1 – Mullumbimby, 8 Grevillea Avenue** Use of Existing Fence and Swimming Pool and Deck

**10.2019.456.1 – Bangalow, 5 Thomas Street** Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House and Swimming Pool

**10.2019.570.1 – Myocum, 10 Kingsvale Road** Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House and New Swimming Pool

#### SECTION 8.2 REVIEW APPLICATIONS

**10.2019.152.1 – Suffolk Park, 6 Red Bean Close** Use of Garage Conversion to Secondary Dwelling

## PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

### ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979

The following development applications have been received by Byron Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's website at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/development-applications-on-exhibition](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/development-applications-on-exhibition), or at the Council administrative centre during ordinary office hours.

**Development Application No:** 10.2020.24.1

**Property Address:** 15 Torakina Road BRUNSWICK HEADS (Lot 13 DP 1251383)

**Applicant:** Codlea Pty Ltd

**Proposed Development:** Subdivision to create One Hundred and Forty-Five (145) Residential Lots, One (1) Medium Density Lots, Two (2) Lifestyle Lots, Two (2) Public Reserve Lots, Associated Roads and other Infrastructure over Seven (7) Stages

Byron Shire Council is the consent authority, and the Northern Regional Planning Panel has the function of determining the application pursuant to State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011 and Schedule 4A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

**The application will be on exhibition for a period of four weeks from 30 January 2020 to 26 February 2020.**

Any submissions made in respect of the application should be made to Byron Shire Council, but will be provided to the Northern Regional Planning Panel and may be viewed by other persons with an interest in the application.

For further information on making a submission please refer to the factsheet 'Making a submission on a development application' available at council or on line at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/submissions-on-development-applications](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/submissions-on-development-applications).

There are also requirements in relation to the disclosure of political gifts and donations. Refer to Council's website to satisfy yourself that you are complying with your disclosure obligations prior to lodging a submission at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/political-donations](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/political-donations).

Please quote the development application and property description when making a submission. To enable Council to provide you with further correspondence in relation to your submission, please provide an email address.

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**Survey closes: 3 March 2020**

## PANEL MEMBERSHIP

### HERITAGE ADVISORY PANEL REQUESTING COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Council is currently calling for nominations for community members to sit on the Heritage Advisory Panel. The Heritage Advisory Panel's purpose is to advise Council on how best to conserve, promote and manage Byron Shire's heritage for future generations.

All applications for nomination must be submitted on an approved nomination form. Nomination forms and the Committee's Constitution are available on Council's website [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice) or contact Council to make alternate arrangements for acquiring a nomination form.

**Nominations close: 5 February 2020**

Enquiries: Noreen Scott, 02 6626 7062, [council@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@byron.nsw.gov.au)

## Native American Indians hold space in Mullum, Feb 21

Paul Bibby

In 2016, the world's attention was drawn to a Native American reservation in the borderlands of North and South Dakota known as Standing Rock.

There, a small, peaceful resistance against the building of an oil pipeline through sacred lands had grown into a mass non-violent action, involving thousands of people, that inspired millions more.

Next month, two Native Americans that had significant roles at Standing Rock are coming to Mullumbimby for two intercultural events

focused on the growing climate emergency.

The events, Stories and Songs of the People, will bring together Native Americans, Indigenous representatives from across the North Coast, and the local community, with the aim of healing our relationship to the planet.

'I think it's really important for us to sit down and talk about how we can protect our country, all our relatives, the birds and the earth itself,' said Uncle Barry Hoskins, a Gumbaynggirr man from the Coffs Harbour region who is helping to organise the event.

The first event will take

place on the evening of Friday, February 21, and involve a film screening, songs and story-telling.

The second event, taking place from 9am till 4.30pm, will feature experiential processes.

These will draw and build on the insights of Standing Rock, Australian indigenous wisdom, and the knowledge and experiences of participants.

The Saturday event is free, while the Friday event is ticketed to cover costs.

Another organiser, Lisa Brown, said, 'Ancient wisdom traditions know there are practices and processes to

facilitate change through healing our hearts and minds.

'We have to make spaces where we can share difficult conversations and continue to find our common humanity to work together...'

Representatives involved in the event extended an invitation to the local Aboriginal community and other cultural organisations to take part, and to be part of a project in which they share their perspectives on relationship with the environment and with each other.

For more information and to buy tickets go to <https://bit.ly/30TPR6C>.

## Bushfire funds raised



Raine, Macy And Taj hand over a cheque to Annie Crowley from WIRES for money they raised at a cupcake stall at Suffolk Park Spar. Leah Wallace says \$500 was donated to WIRES and \$500 for bushfire relief. Photo supplied by Leah Wallace

## Byron Shire Council Notices

### DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Byron Shire Council is the consent authority for this Development Application for Designated Development.

Exhibition / Submissions close: 10 February 2020 (4pm)

DA / Parcel No.	Applicant	Property Description (Amended)	Proposal
10.2019.630.1 PR2540, PR2550	Kaisa Pty Ltd	7 Brownell Drive Byron Bay (Lot 4 DP 112343) 9 Brownell Drive Byron Bay (Lot 5 DP 112343)	Demolition of Two (2) Dwelling Houses and Construction of Dual Occupancy

The abovementioned development application has been lodged with Byron Shire Council. The proposed development is designated development. The development application and the documents accompanying the application including the Environmental Impact Statement are to be exhibited from 10 January 2020 to 10 February 2020 (submission period) and may be inspected at:

- Via the online Kiosk located within Byron Shire Council offices, Station St, Mullumbimby between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday (public holidays excluded) or on Council's website ([www.byron.nsw.gov.au/PublicExhibition](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/PublicExhibition)) and
- online using Council's application tracking website [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/datracker](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/datracker) and clicking on Applications on Exhibition under the Applications menu, and
- the Department of Planning & Environment, located at 22-33 Bridge Street, Sydney, Monday to Friday (public holidays excluded). Contact phone number (02) 9228 6333 or fax number (02) 9228 6555 or Level 3, 49 Victoria Street, Grafton, phone number (02) 6641 6600 or fax number (02) 6641 6601

Any person during the abovementioned submission period may make written submissions to Council concerning the development application. If a submission is made by way of objection, the grounds of objection must be specified in the submission.

Please quote the abovementioned development application number and parcel number(s) when making a submission. The submission must be received by 4.00pm on the final day of the submission period.

Any person who makes a submission by way of objection and is dissatisfied with the determination of the consent authority to grant development consent may appeal to the NSW Land and Environment Court. However if the Planning Assessment Commission conducts a review, the Minister's determination of the application is final and not subject to appeal.

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Enquiries: Jordan Vickers 02 6626 7313

### DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Byron Shire Council is the consent authority for this Development Application for Designated Development.

Exhibition / Submissions close: 10 February 2020 (4pm)

DA / Parcel No.	Applicant	Property Description	Proposal
10.2019.643.1, PR2560	Newton Denny Chapelle	11 Brownell Drive BYRON BAY NSW 2481 (Lot 6 DP 251131)	Demolition of Existing Dwelling House and Construction of Dual Occupancy (Attached) and Two (2) Swimming Pools

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Enquiries: Rebecca Mercer 02 6626 7215, [rmercer@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rmercer@byron.nsw.gov.au)

## Renew Fest and Resilient Byron team up

With Renew Fest about to run a crowdfunding early bird ticket blitz to ensure this year's festival can go ahead, they are thrilled to announce a new key partnership with Resilient Byron, which was recently founded by Dr Jean S. Renouf to assist in preparing communities and neighbourhoods for a changing climate.

As the recent fire events have shown, it is crucial that communities come together to co-ordinate and support everyone to be safe, to be regenerative, and to be innovative and agile in meeting all the challenges ahead of us. Building collective strength and resourcefulness is a shared agenda of Renew Fest and Resilient Byron.

Director of Renew Fest, Ella Rose Goninan said, 'It excites me to think of all the ways

Renew Fest and Resilient Byron can help bring community groups and individuals together and especially if Renew Fest 2020 is supported to go ahead this year.'

Jean added, 'This partnership will help everyone transform our Shire into a place where we thrive and are well prepared for future disasters. Renew Fest is a fantastic opportunity for our community to share ideas about how we're going to organise system-wide change. Let's make this year's edition a turning point in our Shire.'

Renew Fest is running a one-week-only, all-or-nothing crowdfunding early bird ticket blitz from February 10 till 17 to enable its 2020 event to go ahead in May. For more info see [www.renewfest.org.au](http://www.renewfest.org.au) or email [ella@renewfest.org.au](mailto:ella@renewfest.org.au).

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# Echo

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## Polarised humbug

Every Australia Day, polarised humbug erupts from those who want to just wave a flag to celebrate their culture, and those who see that Aussie flag as a symbol of British genocide and invasion.

As a nation, are we coming any closer to resolving this touchy subject?

Those who hold an unchallenged world view of history are bound to feel threatened and indignant because it appears like an attack on their culture.

Stop ruining their snag 'n flag party!

But those who study a bit of history know that it wasn't until 1935 that January 26 was termed Australia Day in all Australian states and territories.

So historically, the date doesn't matter; what should be an attempt to reconcile with those who inhabited these lands well before colonisation. And besides, Australia's federation on January 1, 1901, will always be a better date to celebrate.

The rhetoric from those who downplay the need to change the date of Australia Day appears fairly thin and lacks empathy. For example in 2017, Australian Catholic University lecturer Anthony Dillon wrote for academic website The Conversation and asked, 'How will protesting about the date and Australia Day help those Aboriginal people most in need?'

'...I question the motives and sincerity of those claiming to be upset because of injustices committed in the past by what boils down to what one set of my ancestors did to another set of my ancestors.'

Why wouldn't you want to address past injustices?

For a start, it could provide an opportunity for much more harmony than exists currently.

Dillon's position appears to assume that as an individual, he has nothing to do with the actions of his ancestors.

It's like the simplistic and unscientific climate change argument that there is no point in cutting carbon emissions because Australia doesn't contribute much to global emissions (even though we do, per capita, and are the world's largest exporter of coal).

As for helping those in need, there are a large pile of government reports and recommendations that point the way, yet continue to be ignored. Racial discrimination is yet to be removed from the Constitution (Sections 25 and 51).

The Uluru Statement from the Heart is another way forward, and remains inexplicably unsupported by the current government.

Continued government inaction on reconciliation should be highlighted on Australia Day because governments have done fuck all about it since invasion.

Address that, and then those wanting to keep the date might have some credibility.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

## Quiet Australians yet to be roused

Scott Morrison's puerile sneer that most cabinet ministers wouldn't even know who (NSW Environment Minister) Matt Kean was actually contains a grain of truth.

Not just because most of his ministers are pig ignorant (well, not all of them, and not entirely), but because they realise that there is no point in their knowing anything that their glorious leader has not ordained.

Most of his ministers almost certainly know that Kean is the rational Liberal in the broad church, and if they didn't before, ScoMo has thoughtfully drawn it to their attention.

Kean is the one who accepts the science, acknowledges the urgency of the situation and wants to do something about it. Morrison equivocates on the first proposition, plays down and dismisses the second, and summarily rejects the third.

So even if his ministers disagreed with him (and despite Morrison's indignant denials, some of them do, and would desperately like to change to a more sensible policy) they can't actually say so – blind obedience to their leader is part of their job description. There are those who do not know what day of the week it is until it has been confirmed by Big Brother and his talking points.

So they might as well move on and get on to the more important business of rorting public money to preserve the votes in the marginal electorates.

Similarly, Morrison also claims that Kean does not know what is going on in the federal cabinet; again true, but nor does anyone else, and that includes more than a few of his ministers.

The prime minister likes to make a great play about frank and fearless discussion, consultation, consensus; but in fact his ruling clique, or often just he personally, makes the decisions and announces them, leaving it to the rest of the cabinet, and through them, the rest of the party to defend them as best they can – and if they can't, or find them insupportable, to piss off.

Before the last election, he boasted on national television that he would be the one to call the shots, and his autocratic style has only hardened since his unexpected victory.

This is government from the leader, by the leader, for the leader. Not quite democracy as we know it, and certainly not the egalitarian and transparent

system that Morrison and his sycophants like to spruik (see talking point 101) but just the way it is, and the way it is going to be.

So as his claims of success in reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions to within and below the Paris targets become ever wilder and less credible, there is no-one in the cabinet room willing to refute him, and even fellow Liberals like Kean have to be crushed and demeaned.

*There are those who do not know what day of the week it is until it has been confirmed by Big Brother and his talking points.*  
Mungo MacCallum



As the man said, treason doth never prosper. Here's the reason: for if it prosper, none dare call it treason. Kean is for the tower, and thence to the chopping block.

Not so, but far otherwise has been the reaction to the utterly shameless Bridget McKenzie, who in her earlier career as Sports Minister elevated the fine old National Party pastime of pork-barrelling into an art form, if not beyond.

Here, Morrison was happy to defend the theft of public funds, offering, among other risible justifications, the line that since those who trousered the ill-gotten loot were happy about it, this meant it was good policy. Well, surprise, surprise.

Even some of the rusted-on supporters of the Morrison's mafia found this a trifle over the top. McKenzie herself insisted that she had done nothing wrong, and from her perspective as a deputy leader of the party of handouts, subsidies, privileges and rorts, she can make a case.

After all, when the Nationals were formed as the old Country Party, the whole idea was to provide special treatment for the rural, and now regional voters, at the expense of the wider polity.

It was felt by such seasoned pork barrellers as Earle Page that the bush was getting a raw deal from city based politicians, so no effort was to be spared to redress, or even reverse, the supposed bias.

At times this was fair enough; the tyranny of distance meant that there were times extra money and resources needed to be provided to produce reasonably equitable outcomes for those in

the remote backblocks of the sprawling nation. But once the coalition with the majority Liberal Party was set in stone, the heavyweights – Page, and then, particularly, Arthur Fadden and John McEwen – realised that the possibilities of blackmail and extortion could be exploited to the limit, if not further.

The threat of leaving the coalition, although seldom if ever a serious one, cowed successive Liberals into submission. Even when Liberal Prime Ministers like Malcolm Fraser and John Howard were in a position to govern in their own right, they regarded the bond between the two disparate forces as sacred.

Thus the Nats (they wisely avoided the abbreviation of the appellation of their former members) could and did get away with malfeasance that would have sunk Libs guilty of the same offences. Labor ministers, of course, would have been, and were, hung out to dry.

Morrison desperately clung on to McKenzie; his latest anodyne remedy was an inquiry to be initiated by one of his favourite bureaucrats Cabinet Secretary Phil Gaetjens, formerly an apparatchik in Morrison's own office, a crony and a supporter.

Gaetjens will look at Morrison's ministerial code of conduct, a document devised to include loopholes which can absolve ministers of even the most egregious breaches which would never be permitted by private employees.

It did not pass the pub test, but it was not meant to: buy time, divert, distract, and hope for the best.

And in the meantime, find a comfortable sinecure for McKenzie when the public outrage became overwhelming.

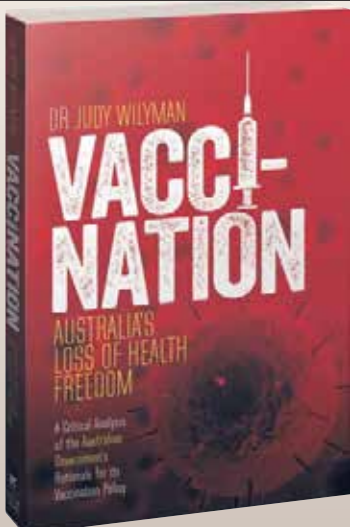
It's a hopeless dilemma: if she hung on it would trash the last vestige of integrity left in this morally bankrupt government. But even if she didn't, the fact that Morrison and his minions had spent so much time and effort defending the indefensible showed that corruption has now become an intrinsic part of the regime.

Our prime minister knows that most of his ministers are past both knowing and caring.

The wider party, by and large, is happy basking in a state of blissful ignorance. The noisy bit of the electorate may carry on, but who cares – as long as the quiet Australians are not roused from their slumbers.

So more sedative talking points – that's all that's left.

It is no measure of health to be well-adjusted to a profoundly sick society – Jiddu Krishnamurti



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## ScoMo

If ScoMo has failed to accept the overwhelming science around man-made climate change, failed to heed the warnings from fire authorities and our own CSIRO, and failed to take action to mitigate against the impacts of that climate change now resulting in massive fires, wildlife and human deaths, including volunteer fire fighters, then isn't it fair to say that he has blood on his hands?

Martin Bail  
Federal

## Pennies and Pounds

Before the introduction of decimal currency there was a well known saying: 'if you look after the pennies, the pounds will look after the pounds'.

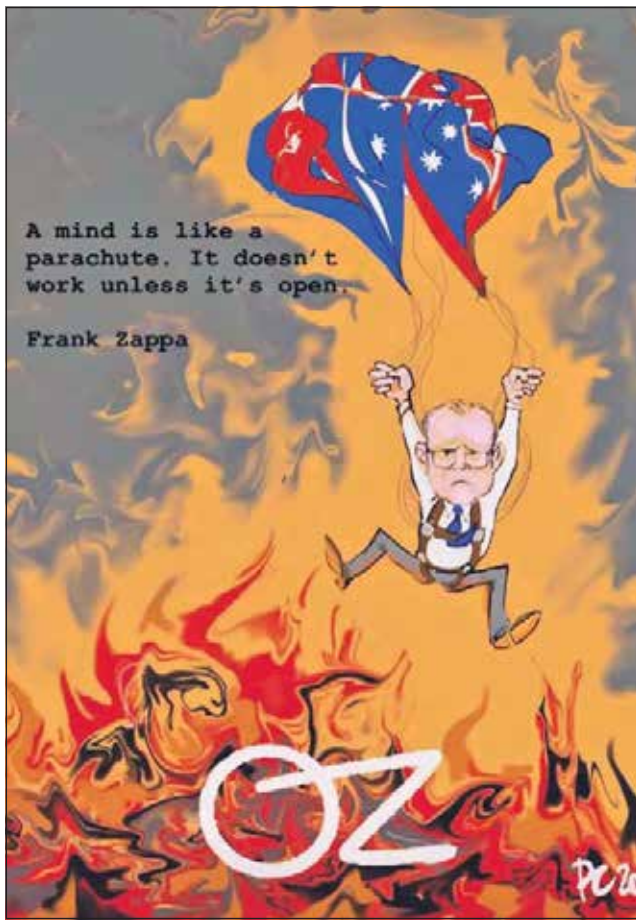
If the government is incapable of managing the pennies (i.e. the sports grants) how can they be trusted to look after the economy?

Rob Blanch  
Bogangar

## Water

The article 'Mullumbimby's water supply under review' (January 22) raises some interesting questions for Byron Shire Council (BSC).

The issue of waste water treatment plants supplying



Cartoon by Peter Chambers. Insta: @petec39

reuse has been discussed since the mid-eighties by BSC. How far advanced is BSC? Basically nowhere.

Associate Professor Peter Coombes states BSC should be apply a mix of measures to make the best use of stormwater runoff and effluent reuse from wastewater treatment plants.

Unfortunately, since 2002 BSC has failed to make any inroads or any substantial efforts to harness stormwater or to expand what was meant to be a substantial effluent reuse program.

BSC has completely dropped the ball on reuse. It is a damning comparison when you compare the

Ballina Shire Council's reuse program to Byron's.

Ballina has urban and rural reuse. What does Byron have? Basically nil.

BSC should be leading the way on reuse, but instead it is still trying to solve the stormwater infiltration problem into the Mullumbimby sewer gravity mains which has been under investigation since the early nineties.

Alan Dickens  
Brunswick Heads

## Gina & Rupert

Gina and Rupert told me they had a great holiday, especially after their Pry-monster started looking after the kiddies properly.

The kiddies were freaking out about the barbecue in the backyard because they couldn't find the off switch.

Gina was pissed off with the kiddies getting an electric barbie. She wanted a coal one and reckoned her steak on the electric one gave her too much wind.

She detested having wind but sometimes wondered whether supplementing with rare-earth minerals might result in less wind and more emissions.

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**CHESS** by Ian Rogers

Anton's Smirnov's first foray into elite chess turned into a trial of endurance as the Australian teenage number one found out just how tough world-class grandmasters can be.

At the 82nd Tata Steel tournament in Wijk aan Zee, the Netherlands, Smirnov was competing at the same venue as World Champion Magnus Carlsen, Fabiano Caruana, Viswanathan Anand and other luminaries taking part in the Masters division.

The winner of Smirnov's Challengers event, which finished on Sunday, qualifies for the 2021 Masters. However, it became clear before the end that Smirnov, seeded in the lower reaches of the field, did relatively well to secure his modest score.

Time and again Smirnov would establish a good position, only to be denied by resourceful defence. The low point for the Sydneysider came in the ninth round, when he lost a 96 move game to 15-year-old Uzbek star Nodirbek Abdusattorov; it was a game in which Smirnov had been pushing for a win for the first 80 moves, only to miss a trick and

fall into a losing pawn endgame. The next day he bounced back to score his first win of the tournament and guarantee that he would not finish with the wooden spoon, but Smirnov will now understand just how much study he needs to do to join the top tier, as Sergey Karjakin predicted he could do. Then he will need luck to force his way into another top event; he is the first Australian to be invited to such a high class tournament in 17 years.

■ Even at the highest level one can contrive a well camouflaged ambush, as Dubov shows here.

Wijk aan Zee 2020

White: D Dubov

White: V Artemiev

Opening: Caro-Kann

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4! A system employed with success by Mikhail Tal in his epic 1960 World Championship match. 4... h5 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Nc6 10.Nf3 Nh6?! 10...Bb4! and 11...Ne7 is safer. 11.Bxh6! Rxh6 12.Rc1 Kf8 13.g3 g6 14.0-0 Kg7 15.Na4 Rh8 16.Nc5 Bxc5 17.Rxc5 Qd7 18.Rfc1 Rhc8 19.Qc3 a5 20.a3 a4 21.Ne1 Qe7 22.Nf3 Qd7 23.Kg2 Rc7 24.Qc2 Qd8 25.Qd1! Rd7 26.Ng5 Ra6?! Missing White's threat. 26...Qb6 was necessary. 27.g4! Qh8 28.Qf3! Rb6 29.gxh5 Qxh5 30.Qf6+! Kg8 31.Ra5!! An astonishing finish; a back rank invasion is now inevitable and decisive. 31...Qg4+ 32.Kf1 Nd8 33.Ra8 1-0

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Anyway, Rupert gave their prymonster very precise instructions about the BBQ and how to calm the kiddies down by denying denial about everything, ending in hysterical laughter and impotent confusion.

Sapoty Brook  
Main Arm

**No Forgiveness**

Ballina MP Tamara Smith recently appeared on Bay FM Radio and featured in *The Echo*.

She was railing against endemic federal government inaction on effective climate change policy, which most of us, who are smart enough to ignore the mountain of misinformation by the climate denying industry, have been doing for a decade or more.

Tamara generously proposed we allow the conservatives some space to do a graceful U-turn, and not to continually berate them.

She is being way too generous. Change is coming anyway and there is nothing the climate denials can do about it. Private enterprise will drive change with or without government assistance.

Do we just compassionately forgive and forget more than 30 years of total belligerence, arrogance and gross stupidity?

These people, being either conned or financed by the fossil fuel industry, have cost Australia, and the entire world, trillions of dollars and put all of our futures at risk.

Bastardy of this magnitude does not deserve forgiveness – we should continue to rub their noses in the lies they have fallaciously perpetrated.

The Greens cannot remove this government, only the Labor Party can do that. Think and act wisely over the next two years.

Keith Duncan  
Pimlico

**Dear Barnaby**

Politics is the most riveting game in town. Remember though it's just a numbers game. If you want to know what a politician is up to, just follow the money.

The rain has started to come back. If we allow mass irrigation to proceed again we will run out of water again. This is not a conspiracy to divide and conquer your party, but the fact is Australia only relies on rainfall.

It's up to you and your party to decide who benefits in the long run.

Bernard Hinchcliffe  
Mullumbimby

**Emissions Targets**

Meat and beat – sounds like yet another new diet, doesn't it?

But no, apparently 'meet and beat' is the latest three word slogan from the criminally incompetent, or fossil-fuel-corrupted clowns in Canberra.

It's Scott Morrison's boast about how well we are doing at meeting and beating our greenhouse gas emission targets, but notice that he never mentions what these targets actually are.

At the 1997 climate conference in Kyoto, when most developed countries were committing to reducing their emissions, Australia somehow got away with being allowed to increase emissions by eight per cent over the 1990 level, by 2012.

In fact, emissions in 2012

were down by 1.5 per cent, largely thanks to reduced land clearing.

So the PM is claiming that we are 'over achieving' by reducing emissions by 1.5 per cent in 22 years.

Our next and final Kyoto target was a reduction of 4.2 per cent from 1990 levels by 2020 (1990 is the internationally recognised base-year for measuring emission reductions). On current figures it looks like the real figure will be about a 2.4 per cent reduction.

The PM will claim this, and the rules allow it, because we didn't increase our emissions in the first Kyoto period as much as we were allowed to, the credits so created can be applied to the second Kyoto period, so that on the figures it looks like we've achieved that target, even though we haven't. So Australia has reduced its emissions by 2.4 per cent over 30 years, and Scott Morrison claims we are 'over achieving'.

Matthew Lambourne  
Mullumbimby

**Climate Action**

Many letters in *The Echo* recently have been very critical of the prime minister, and I heartily concur with those criticisms.

But they have not offered anything specific to do about climate change.

So it might be worth considering a couple of practical suggestions?

The first is to focus on electric cars powered by solar cells.

The problem with solar, as everyone knows, is the need to provide storage cells for when the sun doesn't shine. But the beauty of electric

cars is that they have the storage cells built-in.

If we could arrange things so that the cars were being charged continuously during the day – either by solar cells at home or at work – then running the cars at night would generally not be a problem.

We could largely eliminate petrol use by cars.

The second would be air-conditioning.

The beauty of air-conditioning is that we generally need it most when the sun is hottest.

If large flat-roofed buildings, like supermarkets, could be air-conditioned by solar panels on the roof, we could save a lot of electricity, and ditto with some homes. Air-conditioning is going to be ever-more important as the climate gets hotter, and indeed, a matter of life or death in some cases.

Charles MacFarland  
Ewingsdale

**Veterans Affairs**

It was interesting to read that Australia's Department of Veterans Affairs is giving thoughtful attention to using psychedelic medicine to treat returned soldiers with PTSD.

Congratulations to Byron local, Steve McDonald (no relation that I know of), for his advocacy.

What would also be useful – given that prevention is better than cure – is to give up following the USA on its ill-conceived adventures in the Middle East. Instead, just send non-specific thoughts and prayers and leave our soldiers to their invaluable work in local emergencies.

Michael McDonald  
Bairnsdale VIC



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# On the art of stealing water for profit

Juliette Fredonnet

Australia is now experiencing devastating fires. So far, it is estimated that over 18 million hectares (46 million acres) have burned.

The response from our leaders has been deplorable.

We are experiencing a disastrous drought that is now leading the NSW state government to consider evacuating as many as 90 towns if they completely run out of water.

## Acting against best interests of Australians

Our government has a lot to account for in regards to the management of our most precious resource: water.

A report from the Australia Institute says that 20 to 30 privately owned dams have been constructed in the Murray-Darling Basin in recent years.

Built with public money for the exclusive use of big business, private dams have been reducing, or even stopping, the flow of water to downstream users and the environment.

While information on the cost of their taxpayer subsidy is limited, a report says that just two of these dams cost taxpayers nearly \$30 million and that over \$200 million was spent on dam-related projects in the Murray-Darling area through the Commonwealth's \$4 billion water efficiency program.

To sum it up, your tax money has been used to steal your water, wreck the environment and make a small group of people a ton of money.

But let's jump to another huge draw on the availability of water in this country: floodplain harvesting for agribusiness, like the cotton industry.

Water harvesting is done by building levees and canals which direct flood waters into giant storage tanks instead of allowing it to



An area of the Pilliga Forest where a CSG wastewater spill occurred in 2011. Nothing has grown back. Photo David Saunders

naturally make its way into the river or into the soil.

This practice has been unregulated, and unmonitored in NSW, and has diverted huge volumes of water in the northern basin of the Murray-Darling system into irrigation storages.

## Water for the ecosystem?

The ecological disaster of the Darling river is a good example of the destruction that takes place when water is being diverted on a grand scale to private interests. The population runs out of water, farmers stop farming and the ecosystem collapses.

Underlying 22 per cent of the continent, the Great Artesian Basin (GAB) is the only source of fresh water for much of inland Australia. It extends beneath parts of Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern Territory and is one of the largest natural underground water reservoirs in the world.

## Water for industry

In recent years, the GAB has been under threat from the coal and coal seam gas industries.

Underneath the GAB's water lie some of the world's most extensive methane rich coalseams. To get the methane out, water (from 5

to 60 million litres per fracking well), sand and chemicals are forced down at high pressure into the aquifer layers, to fracture the coalseams and get to the gas.

The result is that large amounts of chemically loaded, hazardous water have to be kept from reaching other reserves of uncontaminated water during the period of extraction (or after the well is sealed), but also safely 'disposed of', which is another expression for 'elaborately dumped'.

According to federal government estimates, the coal seam gas industry alone could extract 300 billion litres per year over the next 25 years, most of it from the GAB.

## No independent oversight

Alongside pollution issues, the water hungry CSG industry is depleting the aquifers of the water needed to build the pressure necessary to push the water up to the springs and creeks.

And if the water is not flowing, then the cycle of life is broken.

Then you have the proposed Adani coal mine, which will be Australia's biggest and has been granted unlimited access to groundwater by the Queensland government.

The mine could draw 26 million litres of water a day, and it will conduct its own review of its groundwater model, without independent or government oversight. Its licence is written in a way that means there is little chance of triggering a halt to mining.

I am running out of space to talk about all the ways our government has been selling our water to the highest bidders, with no regard for the impact on the population and our precious and unique ecosystem.

In section 100 of the Commonwealth Of Australia Constitution Act 1900, it is written that 'the Commonwealth shall not, by any law or regulation of trade or commerce, abridge the right of a State or of the residents therein to the reasonable use of the waters of rivers for conservation or irrigation.'

Under this section, any legislation or trade of commerce that is restricting the use of water for Australia's residents, through building private dams, water harvesting, or selling our water to CSG or coal businesses is, on top of being highly immoral and destructive, totally illegal.

Our government is mightily corrupt and it is now our duty, for our very survival, to fight for our most essential right: our access to precious water.

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2019 was an outstanding year with senior and junior competitive teams taking home swags of silverware and the club taking out the FFNC Club Championship.

The Prem's took out yet another Premiership title under departing coach Damon Bell and were pipped on penalties in the grand final.

The boys are looking forward to another great season under new coach, Belinda Wilson.

The Open Men's teams had another rewarding season, and the women's teams continued challenging the regions' top teams with great success. The Mini Roos teams were extremely popular, and the SAP (Skills Acquisition Program) Teams took the youngsters' skills to the next level.

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# Planet Watch: Forests, farmers and climate change

Planet Watch is the first in a series of monthly articles, by climate impact scientist Dr Willow Hallgren, on how to tackle global heating at: [www.echo.net.au/planet-watch](http://www.echo.net.au/planet-watch)

Dr Willow Hallgren

The way that humans use and change the land and its vegetation can have a profound effect on the climate, and can either counteract or exacerbate climate change. These effects are often overlooked when discussing action on climate change (aka global warming or global heating).

The recent public outcry over land clearing rates in Australia, particularly Queensland, was largely about the resulting loss of biodiversity. Less talked about was the impact of all that land clearing and deforestation on local and regional climates, and the impact of this on human communities, and surrounding ecosystems, as global heating intensifies.

## Global heating impacts

Human activities are heating the planet, and our climate is changing, causing major changes to both natural ecosystems and agriculture. Increasing average temperatures will shift the locations of what crops can be grown where, and will make land in some locations unable to support agriculture. More extreme temperatures are also drying out ecosystems and endangering wildlife (like flying foxes who can't handle heatwaves and start to drop out of the trees, dead).

Observed changes in the amount, and timing of rainfall, and more extreme storms and floods are putting crops and livestock at risk. Longer and more severe droughts are damaging, not only for crops, but entire ecosystems, by contributing to increased bushfire severity.

The 2019–2020 summer will

long be remembered as illustrating the terrible impact of drought, made even more severe by climate change, which caused unprecedented mega-bushfires that burned throughout much of Australia.

Even in the normally green, well-watered Northern Rivers region we have endured the sight of stressed and dying wet-eucalypt forests in many places, and the burning of areas of ancient Gondwana rainforests that are not supposed to burn.

## Creating local climates

Most people know that climate broadly determines where ecosystems occur: think of rainforests along the equator, and conifer forests and tundra in the higher northern latitudes.

What is less well known, is that some ecosystems can create their own climate; if you wander into a densely canopied forest, like a rainforest on a hot day, you will find that the air underneath the canopy is relatively cool and moist compared to the air outside; this is because forests have their own microclimates. The forest canopy shades the ground from the heat of the sun, minimising ground evaporation and protecting soil moisture. Trees also contribute to lower temperatures by adding humus, having roots that can tap into deeper stores of water in soil, and they transpire this through their leaves into the air. This moisture cools the air, which is why large expanses of forests provide a regional cooling effect.

Sufficiently large areas of forest can also create their own self-sustaining climate. They do this by actively drawing in air and moisture from surrounding regions that have less vegetation, through



Rainforest at Mount Warning in Northern NSW.

Photo Dr Willow Hallgren

a process called 'the biotic pump'; this is what occurs over the Amazon rainforest.

## Fewer trees less rainfall

Land clearing and deforestation can change the climate in many ways. Deforestation removes the canopies that shade the ground, which can increase evaporation and dry out the top soil layer. Fewer trees means less water is transpired from the deeper soil into the atmosphere, reducing evaporative cooling of the air. At regional scales, if we clear large areas of forest, we disrupt the rainfall-creating 'biotic pump' mechanism. It is well documented that deforestation often correlates with some decline in rainfall and cloud cover, as has been seen in the Amazon.

Trees and other vegetation also hold the soil together and prevent

*The loss of vegetation and forest cover will exacerbate climate change.*

significant runoff and soil erosion when it does rain; this assists in recharging the soil moisture. The take-home message is – the loss of vegetation, and particularly forest cover, will exacerbate the warming and drying trends of climate change that we are currently witnessing across much of Australia.

## Reafforestation for climate management

One solution, which will both mitigate climate change, and help us to adapt to it, by counteracting the warming and drying trend, would be to preserve as much forest as possible, and to increase forest cover. This is particularly important close (but not too close, owing to bushfire risk) to cities and agricultural areas, so that the cooling effect of forests can benefit these areas. Some scientists refer to this proposal as a type of regional geoengineering.

There are studies that show that planting large numbers of trees is one of the cheapest, easiest ways to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, which will slow down global heating. Given dense, shade-creating canopies can take decades to grow, we should start planting trees now, to (a) absorb as much CO<sub>2</sub> as possible, to limit further global heating, and (b) to take advantage of our current relatively stable climate, before it becomes

too dry in areas where it is currently possible to grow these forests for climate regulation.

## Reflecting heat to lessen temperatures

Besides using trees and forests to counteract the higher temperatures, we can make both rural and urban land surfaces more reflective of sunlight (ie increase the land 'albedo') to lower daytime temperatures.

Examples of ways to increase the amount of sunlight that agricultural areas reflect (and thereby reduce heat) include no-till farming, changing the crop phenology and timing of practices (eg double cropping), bioengineering more reflective crops, and using greenhouses.

In urban areas, the cooling effect of an urban forest can be enhanced by making hard surfaces like roofs, roads and pavements more reflective of sunlight. For example, painting roofs white, and having solar panels on roofs can decrease the daytime heating of urban areas as well as generating electricity without the use of fossil fuels – a win-win!

Combating the climate change emergency will take all the weapons in our arsenal, including the ways we use the land and its ecosystems. Ordinary citizens can start now, by seizing some of the many low-cost, low-hanging fruit of climate action: planting trees, painting your roof white, and using solar panels to generate renewable energy.

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# CLIMATE CRISIS UPDATE

A few more titbits of the ongoing climate catastrophe...

## What the heck is a LULUCF?! Let's have a look at the devil in the detail of Australia's emissions targets

Ziggi Browning

The Australian government likes to boast about how it is meeting its climate commitments and emissions reductions targets. One might wonder how the hell we are managing to do this when all the while our actual emissions have risen steadily. The key to the claimed net reduction of emissions compared to the various benchmark years is the calculation of emissions related to land use, land use change and forestry – or LULUCF for short. The emissions related to LULUCF are certainly important to factor in, but unfortunately what Australia has managed to do is use them to game the system.

Australia came out of the Kyoto climate convention with absurdly generous conditions. Instead of flat rate calculations for reductions,

the final agreement had quantified emission limitation and reduction obligations (QELROs). Australia got the second most generous developed country QELRO target of 108% of 1990 levels over the first period. Australia also lobbied for, and got, concessions for including LULUCF and in particular, deforestation related emissions, when calculating emissions in the 1990 base year. There was a huge amount of deforestation occurring in Australia in 1990 and so, using it as the base year for calculating Australia's emissions gives a grossly inflated figure and corresponding targets that are woefully inadequate.

As well as Kyoto, Australia has made other commitments and set targets for emissions reductions that are also calculated using LULUCF and are also based on benchmark years where our land use emissions were

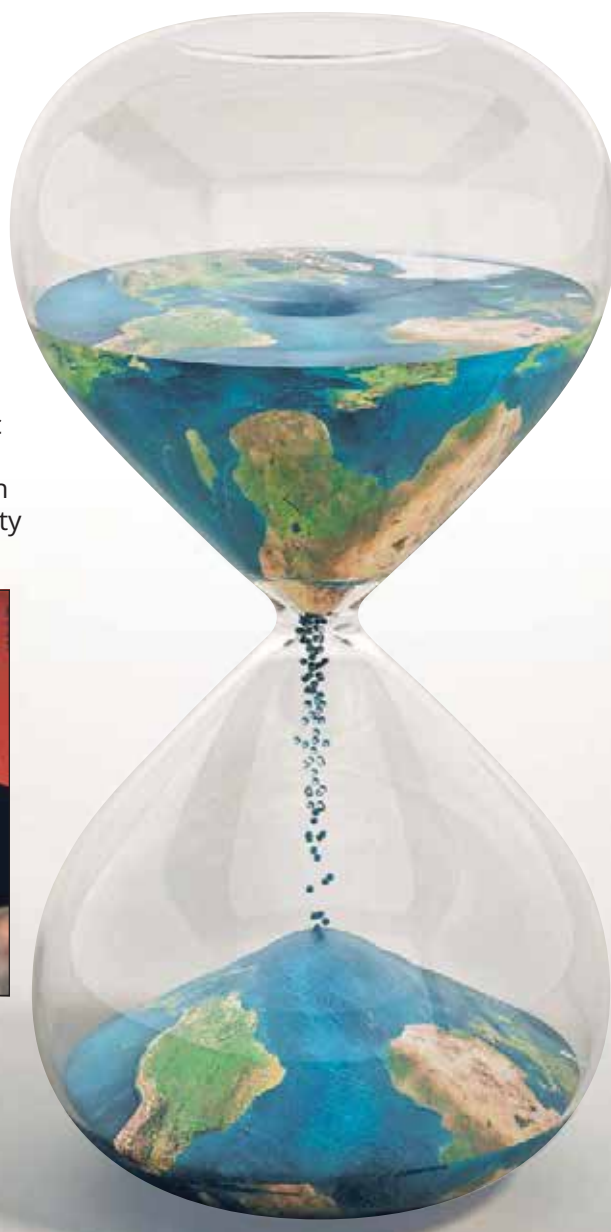
**Debunking the Coalition's climate spin** Climate Action Moreland have an excellent guide to unpicking the government's climate 'policy'. Check it out at: <https://climateactionmoreland.org/2020/01/19/refuting-coalition-claims-on-their-climate-policies-a-guide>

## 'If there's ever a time to wake up, it's now': Doomsday Clock moves 20 seconds closer to midnight

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists called on world leaders to 'pull humanity back from the brink' as it cited bushfires in Australia among warning signs of the existential threat facing the world from climate change, as well as potential nuclear war. On January 24 the symbolic Doomsday Clock was set to 100 seconds to midnight – the closest to the end it has been set in its 73-year history of indicating how close humanity currently is to a civilisation-ending catastrophe.



The keepers of the Doomsday Clock, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, were joined by former world leaders to help make their dire warning. Pictured on the left is Bulletin chairman and former California governor Jerry Brown. Right, former Irish president Mary Robinson, and ex-UN secretary-general Ban Ki-moon. Image: ABC



## Impact of bushfires crisis felt near and far

33 people dead and counting. Almost 20 million hectares burnt. Thousands of homes destroyed. A billion native animals lost and extinctions imminent. Ash from the massive fires has literally circled the globe. Not to mention the incalculable economic cost. Claims that doing more to prevent the climate crisis would be too damaging to the economy are ringing pretty hollow right now.

In a massive climate feedback loop, emissions from the huge Australian bushfires this season will contribute to global atmospheric levels of CO2 having one of the largest annual increases on record, adding to the causes of global heating, and increasing the likelihood of it happening more often and more extremely in the future.

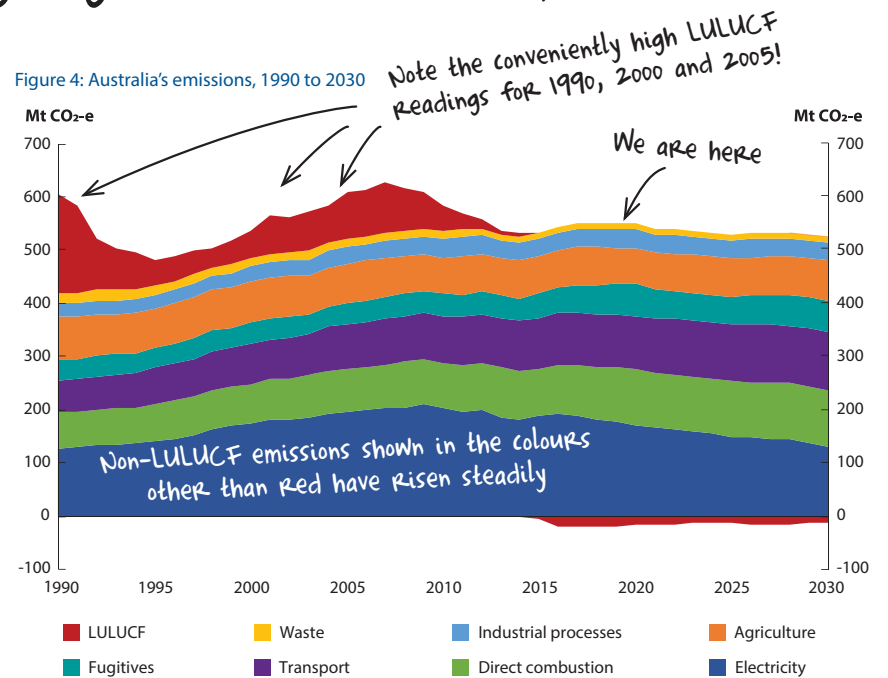
### How about that leadership though?

In times of crisis, leaders lead, and posers get found out. Scotty from marketing hasn't quite nailed the task of allaying our fears during the recent bushfires disaster. Here's a little commentary on how the PM is doing:

*'It's been evasive, tepid, tone-deaf and, above all, too late.'* – Kevin Rudd

*'So rather than doing what a leader should do, and preparing people for that, he downplayed it and then of course chose to go away on holiday in Hawaii at the peak of the crisis. It's just not consistent with the way in which a prime minister would or should act.'* – Malcom Turnbull

*'There has been an appalling failure in national leadership from Canberra.'* – retired fire chief Greg Mullins



Graph excerpted from *Australia's emissions projections 2019*, published by the Australian Government last month.

very high, such as 2000 and 2005.

Looking at the graph above you might get the impression that land use emissions in Australia are now insignificant, but that is not actually the case. While we aren't clearing forest at the giddy rates of a few

years past, we are still wiping out what little native forest remains at an alarming rate. The big changes in LULUCF figures above do illustrate the remarkable power for reducing atmospheric CO2 that would come from more reforestation.

Time is of the essence. The time to speak up, protest, and act on the climate crisis is now!





## Veggie patch van by Yulli's

If you're keen to try more local plant-based food this year then you're in luck because Veggie Patch Van on Ewingsdale Rd in Byron Bay has just opened.

Run by the team behind Yulli's Byron Bay and Yulli's Brews, the sustainable mobile eatery was originally in operation in Sydney several years ago but has now reopened in Byron, following the launch of their new local restaurant last May.

The Veggie Patch Van sells a selection of delicious housemade items for breakfast and lunch that are 100% vegan, like mushroom and baked-bean wraps, banana bread with kombucha strawberry or mango and passionfruit jam, crumbed mushroom hot dogs, cauliflower burgers, fries and salads.

Also on offer is fresh coffee from local roasters, Barefoot Roasters, with a choice of different plant milks, plus smoothies, cold pressed juice and Yulli's housemade kombucha.

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## A gift to you from Cadeau

By Vivienne Pearson

Cadeau, meaning 'gift' in French, is the newest restaurant in Brunswick Heads. Its initial gift to you is the addition of European-influenced food to the area (keep reading for a second gift). Think Switzerland, Italy, France and the UK.

Cadeau feels like a gift to its owners. Operated by husband and wife team, Giorgio Ravelli (chef), and Holly Ottignon (front-of-house), were on the lookout for a new place to call home. Their journey to Brunswick Heads started in the UK, where Giorgio had cheffed in places like The Ledbury (named as the top restaurant in the UK on numerous occasions).

Holly had been a professional jazz singer, and a move to hospitality was a natural fit. 'I was a food-obsessed kid, and meeting Giorgio opened up that world,' she says. Music is still a big part of her life and her musical family are stoked about her move to Bruns as her brothers love performing at the Brunswick Picture House.

Apart from singing lullabies to her toddler son, Holly has been more focussed on the amazing turnaround late last year from purchase to opening. 'Donna from The Kingswood had already created such a beautiful space,' says Holly. 'We feel very welcomed by neighbours, locals and summer visitors.'

Six weeks in and the team have started to attract heart-warming positive reviews, including from the team at Fleet who 'ordered just about everything on the menu' and others who are comparing the food to that of Barrio and Harvest.

The menu is small but incredibly rich in options. Arranged in order of size, dishes can be shared or eaten solo. My group of four opted for the banquet menu, allowing us to experiment without decisions.

Giorgio and Holly talk about 'low manipulation' of ingredients, and the result is taste.

Some dishes were new to us, like a collar of snapper, which is the neck portion of the fish, served with its fin sticking upwards to use as a handle. Others were familiar with a twist, like the roast lamb served with creamy butter beans instead of potatoes, and the best mint sauce I have ever tasted.

Most dishes had a similar sauce-based



The team outside Cadeau. Photo by Jeff Dawson

wow factor; everything from a curry-leaf based relish to a seaweed sauce for a potato 'cake'. Mustard featured for a couple, with each one very different, befitting the more nuanced European approach to this condiment.

Dessert offered something for each of our group, from blue cheese served with a fennel biscuit and beer honey, to a coffee 'opera cake' served with Chantilly cream.

The wine list has been carefully selected,

with one of my South Australian companions over the moon to find three different rosés, and the other enjoying her first taste of 'orange' wine, something she had read about in the in-flight magazine on her way over.

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# Cheeky Chopsticks at Cabarita

Story and photos by Vivienne Pearson

In January of 1963, a developer donated the land that became the site of the Cabarita Beach Bowls & Sports Club.

If this doesn't ring a bell from visits up that way, it's because the club is hidden away in a residential area. Why might you take the time to seek it out? Well, because it has a newly renovated restaurant serving top-notch Asian food.

Cheeky Chopsticks is the name, and there are indeed colourful chopsticks on top of each place-setting. The venue is versatile and can be transformed to accommodate separate smaller functions when celebrations are planned.

Downstairs is decidedly 'club,' but Cheeky Chopsticks upstairs is all restaurant and has several notable elements that are unusual among club-land restaurants. Firstly, their previous caterer was in-situ for over 20 years and only left because of retirement. Secondly, with that benchmark of continuity and commitment in mind, the new caterers took their community consultation seriously and curated the wine-list from a (very long and enjoyable!) blind tasting session with club members.

Thirdly, they take their environmental responsibilities very seriously. 'Over 96 per cent of food waste is diverted from landfill to compost and worm farms,' says general manager, Nick



Pictured left to right; Cheeky Chopsticks entrée selection and the king prawns with pumpkin sauce.

Brabham. 'We use paper bags for take-away, instead of plastic, and we have solar panels, timer operated lights and multiple water saving initiatives.'

The menu is extensive, with a focus on both Chinese and Thai dishes. I managed the not-unpleasant sense of overwhelm it created by taking recommendations from Nick. We started with duck pancakes with hoisin sauce, which were as good as any I've ever had. We then moved on to king prawns in a pumpkin sauce, which was delicious; warming without

being too spicy, the flavours were rich and the prawns enormous and juicy.

In line with attempts to de-festive-season my diet, I eschewed the deep fried ice-cream for black sticky rice with mango and coconut cream – which was a delightful way to end the meal.

Nick suspects that it will be northern Byron Shire residents who are more likely to check out Cheeky Chopsticks. My drive from Ocean Shores took just over 20 minutes, and I enjoyed the gorgeous paperbark-forested Clothiers

Creek Road on the way there, and the Coast Road on the return, with a stop at Norries Head lookout for the view and a post-lunch leg stretch. Cheeky Chopsticks is perfect whether you are keen for a day-trip, want to meet Gold Coast visitors halfway, want to support a business striving for sustainability, or are simply keen to eat some truly delicious Asian food.

And the developer who donated the land? He remained a Cabarita Beach local and passed away just last year, at a ripe old age, after nearly 30 years as a life-member of the club.

## Good Taste

## Eating Out Guide

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### BYRON BAY continued



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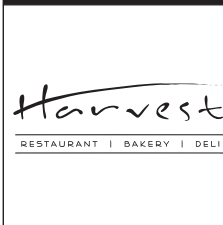
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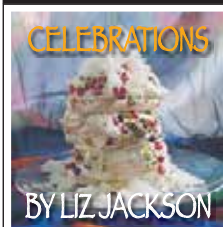
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## Property Insider

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# Vicki Cooper: The changing world of real estate

**Last time we spoke about how the business is changing. How much of that change do you believe is client driven?**

History suggests that changes to an industry are rarely initiated by customers.

Henry Ford said that if he had given people what they wanted he would have invented a faster horse and carriage.

However, once people experience a better product or superior service they then drive the new direction. A good example in real estate is how buyers have overwhelmingly adopted the internet search.

While advertising in newspapers, magazines and even the old shop window cards will still be around for

a while; most people searching for property today start online.

**What about sellers? What differences do you think will appeal to them?**

I believe it's all about service. But not service as usual. Which is often just about the result.

Of course, getting the best price for their property is paramount, but it's vital for us as agents to empathise with the stress many people suffer during the process of parting with their home.

Over the years I have met many sellers who felt that a previous experience had been a nightmare... even though they had achieved an acceptable outcome.

I think most of the problems can

be attributed to agents having insufficient time, experience or inclination to build a trusting relationship with their client.

And if the quality of service is lacking, then people will question what they are paying for.

So the opportunity for successful agents in future will be more about developing a one-on-one dedicated consultant role to be someone that the seller has total confidence in, respects their advice and places a high value on their involvement.

**And how do you think these changes might benefit the industry as a whole?**

Look, we have to be honest. Our business does not enjoy a great reputation.



Vicki Cooper from @Realty.

Whenever research lists the most admired professions, real estate agents are invariably languishing near the bottom with politicians and used-car salesmen. An image which is very unfair to all the hard working, dedicated professionals who try their utmost to do the best

for their clients and customers. There will always be a few bad apples in any type of business. But as customers become increasingly informed, and have more options, they are much less likely to tolerate poor service, lack of professionalism, or exorbitant fees.

## BYRON SHIRE REAL ESTATE

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1 Tongarra Drive, **Ocean Shores**

3+ 3 2

This custom-built timber home has character and individuality. A grand formal entry, magnificent ocean views from decks in three directions, master retreat, 5 metre cathedral ceilings and generous dimensions make this home stand out from the crowd.

**Inspect**  
Saturday 1st Feb 10-10.30am  
**Price**  
\$1,000,000 to \$1,100,000

**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**  
**Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237**



OPEN  
SAT 11am

10 Old Pacific Highway, **Brunswick Heads**

This great Brunswick Heads property is a box ticker. The home has had extensive renovations with tasteful new bathrooms and a new kitchen upstairs. The exterior facelift includes new rendering and paint plus a new roof. The block is big enough for a granny flat & has rear lane access.

**Inspect**  
Saturday 1st Feb 11-11.30am  
**Price**  
\$1,290,000

**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**



Cedar House, **Mullumbimby**

5 3 1

Built in 1908 this beautiful example of Edwardian architecture steeped in local history is one of the most beautiful period homes in the region. There's Art Nouveau leadlight, 4 fireplaces, 11-foot pressed metal ceilings, separate maids quarters and many original features.

**Inspect**  
By Appointment  
**Price**  
\$1,795,000

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Agent Declares Interest

## The Pinnacle

23 Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores

4 2+ 2

\$1,280,000 – \$1,400,000



A beautiful contemporary home in an elevated location, providing a beach lifestyle with a lush green outlook. Set in North Ocean Shores, a short stroll or drive to South Golden Beach, local cafes and Brunswick Heads



village. This expansive architect-designed family home delivers sweeping ocean views from Pottsville to Cape Byron Lighthouse and a sun-drenched North aspect. It's truly a gorgeous home with everything the family needs.

An oversized timber front door opens to a grand entrance revealing the mixed hardwood timber floors and 396m<sup>2</sup> of living area over four levels. This relaxed designer home enjoys 9-foot ceilings and airflow all year round. You will be captivated by this home and its choice of spacious light-filled living zones. The three living areas include a media room and a rumpus for the kids or in-laws.

Inspect: By Appointment  
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## Rolling Green Acre

1 Left Bank Road, Mullumbimby

4 2 2

\$1,150,000



Set on a rolling green acre with 90m of permanent creek reserve frontage, this property has a wealth of features to offer. Established gardens and fruit trees, four car garage, and a big family room.



Constructed of double brick with terracotta tile roof, the solid two storey house will accommodate a growing family or multigenerational living. Open plan kitchen and dining areas have views over the property and allow the cooling breezes right through the home. Four good sized bedrooms all with built-in wardrobes are part of a floor plan which lends itself to easy living. Downstairs has a large rumpus room with high ceilings and bathroom, which could easily be used for guest accommodation or shared living. There is also a 2-bay car port, perfect for storing vehicles and/or machinery. This is walk to town convenience with room to move and grow. Tonnes of space for chooks, gardens and pets. This property has fantastic bones and oodles of potential.

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**What a view!** Price guide: \$795,000

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• Established terraces, suited for citrus, avocados or mangoes, and the land has a few springs, and a bore licence.  
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Agent on site: 11–11.30am Saturday 1 Feb  
Auction: On site Saturday 22 February  
Contact: Scott Harvey 0412 296 872

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REAL ESTATE



**Charming Home with Studio** 4 2 1

### 22 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby

Conveniently located between town and the farmers market, close to sports fields and local schools, is this charming home plus studio. Set on a 655m<sup>2</sup> block, with magnificent views to Mt Chincogan from the living room, the home has a highly functional layout with an open plan kitchen/dining space adjacent to the living room, three bedrooms, an excellent home office space, and polished brushbox timber floors. A real plus is the modern, separate studio, which can be rented out, used by a family member or visitor, or even as a therapy room. This property is ideal for a small family, or an investor seeking a good rental return.

• North facing, with magnificent views to Mt Chincogan  
• Butler's pantry adjacent to kitchen for food prep  
• Excellent home office space  
• Separate 35m<sup>2</sup> studio with shower & toilet  
• 8 km to Brunswick Heads beaches  
Price guide: \$ 750,000 – \$ 775,000  
View: Sat 1st Feb 10:45 – 11:30 am  
Contact: Ernst Mayr-Reisch 0428 842 387

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- 4 Staghorn Court, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 76 Minley Crescent, East Ballina. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 39 Killarney Crescent, Skennars Head. Sat 12.30-1pm
- 40 Killarney Crescent, Skennars Head. Sat 1-1.30pm

### Byron Bay & Hinterland Property

- 8/11 Korau Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 10.30-11.15am

### Byron Shire Real Estate

- 1 Tongarra Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 10 Old Pacific Highway, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11-11.30am
- 3 Kolora Way, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm

### Byron Bay First National

- 1300 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Montecollum. Wed 1-1.30pm
- 81a Stewart Street, Lennox Head. Wed 1.30-2pm
- 7/3 Beachcomber Drive, Byron Bay. Thu 1-1.30pm
- 11 Ironbark Avenue, Byron Bay. Fri 1.15-1.45pm
- 1/14 Beachcomber Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am

- 68 Caniaba Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 115 Shara Boulevard, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 9 Hakea Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 119 Lawlers Lane, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 4 Kingsley Lane, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 51a Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 909 Main Arm Road, Main Arm. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 8 Coral Court, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 1/1-3 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 2/9 Colin Street, Bangalow. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 4/17 Mahogany Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 2-2.30pm

### Elders Real Estate Brunswick Valley

- 6 Grevillea Ave, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 54 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11-11.30am

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- 11 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Thu 1-1.30pm
- 29 Tweed Street, Brunswick Heads. Thu 2-2.30pm

### ForSaleByAgent

- 22 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 10.45-11.30am

### LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads

- 8 Tindara Ave, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 7 Moran Close, Main Arm. Sat 10.30-11am
- 38 Booyun Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11-11.30am
- 20 Teven Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 11 Weeronga Way, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 6 Teven Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 1-1.30pm

### Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/ Brunswick Heads/Murwillumbah

- 31 Warrambool Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 9-9.30am
- 9 Buchanan Street, Murwillumbah. Sat 9-9.30am
- 12 Wagawn Drive, Murwillumbah. Sat 10-10.30am
- 1 Kulgun Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 56 Helen Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 10-10.30am
- 1/1 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 81B/1 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 51-53 James Street, Murwillumbah. Sat 11-11.30am
- 27 Bridge Street, Lismore. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 47 Waranga Crescent, Burringbar. Sat 12-12.30pm

- 175 The Pocket Road, Billinudgel. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 5 Apo Street, Goonellabah. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 77 Riverview Street, Murwillumbah. Sat 2.30-3pm

### Scott Harvey Real Estate

- Lot 12, 54 Satinwood Drive, McLeans Ridges. Sat 11-11.30am

## New Listings

### Byron Bay & Hinterland Property

- 8/11 Korau Place, Suffolk Park.

### Byron Shire Real Estate

- 3 Kolora Way, Ocean Shores. \$700,000 to \$770,000

### Byron Bay First National

- 51 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. \$750,000 to \$820,000
- 28 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby

### Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/ Brunswick Heads/Murwillumbah

- 46 Narooma Drive, Ocean Shores
- 50 Marsupial Drive, Pottsville
- 9 Buchanan Street, Murwillumbah
- 6 The Plateau, Murwillumbah



19 BLACKWOOD CRESCENT, BANGALOW



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4 BED | 2 BATH | 2 CAR

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# PUSSY PLAY AND WANK BANK

The Brunswick Picture House presents the most fun sex-education classes you'll ever go to! Pussy Play and Wank Bank play back-to-back, with burlesque legend Strawberry Siren presenting Pussy Play, and Rural Ranga presenting Wank Bank. We had a little chat about what these interactive performance workshops entailed...



## STRAWBERRY SIREN ON

### PUSSY PLAY:

**I'm intrigued – how did you come up with the concept for your show?**

The mastermind behind Pussy Play is my cousin, the Rural Ranga. He had developed, and been performing Wank Bank for two years, when he was given funding from Adelaide Fringe to create Pussy Play. We wrote Pussy Play together and structured it to be similar to the Wank Bank format.

**Why do you think adults need sexual education?**

Well the sexual education in schools is pretty lacking... plus I think it's important to gain a further sexual education as an adult – when you've grown into your sexuality and feel a little more comfortable in your own skin.

**What's something you share with the audience that they generally don't know?**

Most people don't know the actual size and shape of the clitoris or where it actually sits within the anatomy of the vulva. Which isn't a surprise, due to the fact that the full anatomy of the clitoris was only researched just over 10 years ago!

**Why are we so ignorant about vaginas?**

Unlike the penis, which is visible and easy to touch... the vagina (the internal part of the vulva) takes much more effort and exploration to get to know. Women can't see inside, and rarely get a chance to feel around in there, so as a result, our vaginas are quite foreign to us! Women literally need a mirror

to see what their own vulva looks like! Plus every vulva is unique in the way it looks; there's no single picture that can say this is what it should look like.

**Do the audience really make vulvas out of plasticine? How does that go?**

Yes! I teach the class the full anatomy of the vulva by getting them to build one with plasticine!

**What has been some of the feedback?**

Both men and women have found the show to be very informative and enjoyable, regardless of sexual orientation. Some women have been astounded by how much they didn't know about their own bodies.

**How do you like people to leave the show?**

Feeling confident about being able to pleasure themselves or their lover – and with a smile on their face.

**What should we expect for your show at the Bruns Picture House?**

A sexy education with lots of laughs!

## RURAL RANGA ON WANK BANK:

**How did you come up with this concept? Was it just to claim happy endings on tax as research?**

It all started in NYC as an art project. I found myself giving people happy ending massages to pay my rent and decided to document and draw all my experiences with clients.

At the end of the project, with all the money

I had saved in my 'Wank Bank' I printed an art book, which I sold at a MoMA Art Book Fair. From there, the interactive show was developed out of curiosity from friends, and I've been claiming cucumbers and lube on tax ever since.

**Why are we so hung up do you think, about masturbation?**

Unfortunately there is still a lot a shame around sex and pleasure out there. Most people feel embarrassed about exploring and enjoying their own bodies, let alone discussing it. At the end of the day everyone does it, and it's proven to be beneficial for your physical and mental health. It even helps reduce the risk of cancers in men. Wank Bank aims to provide a safe space where participants can explore and play, whilst learning some new techniques too.

**What have some of the reactions been?**

**What's the most surprising reaction you have had?**

After doing the show for a few years I feel like I have seen almost everything. I've had Oprah moments where people say I've helped them cure sexual trauma, and identical twin grandmas in their late 80s who were excited to take the new tricks back to the retirement home to practice. It's mostly a really positive response and this is because it's a lighthearted show which allows the audience to participate as much, or as little, as they want.

**What do you show, or teach, the audience?**

New ways to explore pleasure for yourself or

partners. How to approach sex feeling relaxed enough to be more confident to explore.

Most importantly, to laugh, and have fun. Sex doesn't always have to be so serious. You will also learn the techniques I've perfected from my days as a happy ending massuer, so they are guaranteed to get you, or your partner, off.

**Is there enough in the Wank Bank to talk about for an hour-long show?**

I teach more than twenty masturbation techniques, so there is heaps to learn. I also speak from my own experiences, and talk about what it was like massaging for tips in NYC.

**What did you set out to achieve with Wank Bank (don't say climax.)**

Besides of course mind-blowing poker-machine-eyeball type orgasms, I guess I wanted to create an accessible space where people feel really comfortable getting involved and trying new things. It's a glorious sight seeing a hundred people in a cucumber and carrot circle jerk-laughing and learning while Dolly Parton is blaring on the speakers.

**What should we expect for the show at Bruns Picture House?**

I'm so pumped about this show. I feel like the Brunny community will embrace all things sex-positive and -creative. I reckon there will be some stiff competition for 'wanker of the day.'

**Pussy Play presents at the Brunswick Picture House Friday and Saturday at 7pm. Wank Bank presents at 8.30pm. For tickets go to brunswickpicturehouse.com**

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## MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



### MIDDLE-AGED MUMMY ANGRY ABOUT SUGAR DADDY

The whole Sugar Daddy thing makes me instantly diabetic. When did f-ing an old man for cash become a normalised thing? I know TAFE is boring, and going to uni can be a bit of a drag – it's tough making rent by working in a bar – but really girls, is banging some old codger for cash the career you were after? The whole Sugar Daddy thing sets the feminist clock back pre Suffragette. It confirms our status as commodity; that we can be bought and sold. And guess what? The Sugar Daddy sets the fee. It makes me furious. I'm tempted to register my profile as an 18 year-old and catfish some creepy old fuck. I still dress like I'm 17, so it's not that hard. Wait till I turn up and he meets a jaded 52 year-old woman who gives him a public dressing down and a kick in the balls. 'What kind of weak prick has to groom little girls with cash for company? Are you *that* boring? Do real women find you *that* repulsive? Have the dignity to get a hooker, grandad. Or a nurse.'

Interesting men can generally meet interesting women without a profile on Sugar Daddy. I trawled the internet for commentary on the Sugar Daddy phenomenon, but all I found were these trite propaganda stories about how great it is.

Is it? I don't believe it. I don't believe the long-term psychological effect of handing over your body and your mind for the use of some creepy old rich dude does much for your self-esteem, except to confirm that your physicality is your only value. Sugar babies grow up you know – so what happens when you turn 30?

The thought of having to be nice to a boring old man just because he's rich and he's going to buy me toys, or take me for a spin in his boat, almost puts me in a coma. I'd rather be poor and conscious. I've always preferred poor men anyway, they have to dazzle with intellect or wit, not a fancy car. I just don't get the attraction.

Sure, older men have been into younger girls since day dot, but what's wrong with prostitution? It's a very straightforward honest contract. It's over in a few minutes, and there is a sense that the sex worker is in control of the transaction. Not with the Sugar Daddy situation. The power play in the Sugar Daddy relationship is evidenced in the name. Daddy is in charge of Baby. And Baby doesn't just get to gratify grandpa – she has to hang around and be his toy. Jesus. She has to pretend like she really wants to 'hang out' with him. She has to go on trips with him. Have coffee with him. Basically she becomes his plaything. What a loser the dude is. Is there an award wage for sex-slavery? The whole Sugar Daddy thing perverts the father/daughter relationship. It makes my skin crawl.

Apparently it's not all sexual. Some rich old men just want company. To me that means he can't get it up. If he could, he'd want sex. When men pay for something, they expect something. You can get company at the bowling club, but you have to pay for hand-relief – especially if it's the tender soft hands of a young girl, who not only has to get you off, she also has to pretend you're interesting.

Stop wasting her time!

Listen you creepy old rich fucks, leave our young women alone. Stop offering them the rich daddy they never had. It's pedophilic. When Marilyn Monroe used her baby-girl voice to sing *My heart belongs to daddy* the flaccid cocks of ageing patriarchs around the world stood to attention. Well, at least for a moment, before they assumed their usual 'at ease' trouser position.

This bizarre little song signposted a sexualised relationship between 'daddy's' and 'little girl's' suggesting that, at the end of the day, we're not autonomous or independent, but in fact we are the possession of our fathers, or of 'the Father' – the Patriarch: Old rich men who really do think they can buy anything. And they want the naivety, and the fragility, of the young. An older woman wouldn't tolerate their bullshit. What kind of old fool pays to hang out with a child? A Sugar Daddy, that's who.

So, angry old women, are you coming online to catfish these fuckers with me? We've got some work to do.

# LIVE MUSIC



### TORA BRING THE MOOD

Originally from Byron, **Tora** have made themselves a global name touring throughout the UK and Europe, with more than forty album-tour shows sold out in Melbourne, Paris and London. They even found an adoring fan in Fifth Element Star, Milla Jovovich. The band have just released their richly textured second album *Can't Buy the Mood*. Featuring two added B-side tracks, as well as a raft of carefully curated remixes from producers around the world – including Sydney's Two Another who have re-worked the album title-track with lush house vibes. Says the band: 'It's a compilation of remixes from incredible friends, and some of our favourite artists from around the world, plus a couple of original tunes in the form of B-sides which didn't make it onto the initial album selection. We're very excited to release

it, and to take the current album and these new B-sides to new places around the world as part of our touring cycle in 2020.'

The original *Can't Buy The Mood* album was primarily made in the Byron area, though the band also ventured into iconic studio spaces in LA, London and Amsterdam to work on it. It was largely written and produced by the band themselves; they also mixed and mastered all tracks, and did all the design and artwork, and shared in the art direction of the music videos, completing an artistic vision which was key to the holistic experience of the album. With field recordings once again a key feature, the album is 13 tracks full of lush grooves and intricate moments.

Catch these Byron Bay locals before they head back into the blue yonder at the **Beach Hotel** on **Friday**.

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Creatively aligned, Mad Zach and SAE Institute are at the forefront of innovative educational design and delivery – and championing the application of creative sound techniques.

As an artist, Mad Zach has over 20 million YouTube views, 10+ million plays on Spotify, DJ and label support from the likes of Aphex Twin, Tipper, Bassnectar, G Jones, Eprom, Claude Von Stroke and Deadmau5, as well as extensive international tour and festival experience.

Audiences will gain insight into how Zach has turned his passion into a globally successful career. A well-respected leader in the electronic music scene, Zach will be sharing his trade secrets at the two-hour masterclasses, guiding audiences through the process of building an original sound track in Ableton Live, drawing influences from hip hop, glitch, drum and bass, dub and trap, and using the pack to write a fleshed-out track. Participants will be encouraged to engage in the creative process with Zach, as well as to ask questions along the way.

**Combining the masterclass events with a national tour, this will be Zach's third time visiting the Bay. Mad Zach's masterclasses at SAE Byron, on 6 & 10 Feb. To book tickets go to [sae.edu.au/events](http://sae.edu.au/events)**

## JIMMIE VAUGHAN PLAYS BLUES



Brother of the legendary Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jimmie Vaughan is an American blues-rock guitarist and singer, coming to Bluesfest this year.

**From an early age Jimmie fell in love with the guitar.**

'I was actually trying to play football when I broke my collarbone in a pile up. I got tackled, a bunch of guys jumped on me, and so I had to go home because I was injured. I played drums a little bit, but I fell in love with the guitar. I had a broken collarbone – and I've been playing guitar ever since. That was in about '63, '64.'

**It was probably the injury that turned him from jock to rock.**

'From that injury I was at home for a long time, and my dad said, "Well, I don't know what we're going to do with you." So he gave me this guitar that I had been fooling around with and he said "Here, play this. Maybe it'll keep you out of trouble."

'I thought, I'll just really practice good, and get good on this, and then I can buy a car and split. So I didn't really think it through, and here we are, 50, 60 years later. But now I actually really do love playing guitar and I'm very excited and grateful that I get to do it all the time.'

**Jimmie Vaughan has played guitar with some of the most impressive players in the world.**

'Well, I've got to play with Buddy Guy, and Eric Clapton. I saw Hendrix when I was a kid and I opened the show for him when I was 14 or 15. I've seen a lot of [the] great ones, and got to play alongside them. And then what can we say about Stevie? We miss him every day.

'So, I've had a great time. We're still going though, we're still having fun, and we're still out playing, and making records, and riding in the bus, and doing it.

'I have a beautiful life, and a nice family, and I have children, teenagers, and we have a nice life, so I'm grateful for that.'

**There's still pressure to make records, but Jimmie does it in his own time.**

'The record company would like it if I made a record every year I think, on time. But I've never been able to do that. So what I do is, I pretend that I'm making 45s, you know, like a single? And that way I don't have to worry about a whole entire album at once. If you have to come up with 15 songs all at once, that's a little bit daunting. But if you just have to come up with two or three, it's not so bad, you know? So I do – I pretend that I'm cutting singles, like 45s in the old days, and then next thing you know, you've got an album.'

**Jimmie Vaughan plays Bluesfest 9–13 April. For tickets and more info go to [bluesfest.com.au](http://bluesfest.com.au)**

## BILLINUDGE CURIOUS

This Saturday, the team behind Nudge present **Curious**, where DJs and live musicians create cosmic osmosis. Featuring **DJ Lippo**, **R.I.A.**, **Dale Stephen** and **Lord Sut** with **Gabriel Otu** – live on African percussion. All guaranteed to soothe the heat as you dance and mingle in the best sounding shed in the southern hemisphere. Sassy and sweet, Cunning Stunts resident DJs Lord Sut and Dale Stephen spin the boogie with the beat. Their awesome selections and fantastic tracks surprise and delight, throughout the night, with musical journeys that keep you rocking on your feet!

Bringing the beat is the master of African drumming, Gabriel Otu – a West African performer, dancer and teacher from the beaches of Ghana's South Coast; he is a master in playing percussion, singing and carving djembes.

Elevating your heartbeat, the NZ born Rhythms In Action aka R.I.A. brings her unique gifts to lift you off your feet! R.I.A. effortlessly journeys across multiple genres of music, from global bass to deep house, ebbing and flowing in her sets to energetically charge the listener and ensure the dancer's journey is complete!

DJ Lippo is the final treat! Playing all over the world, he has united booty-shakers for the last 20 years. Lippo's sold-out sets feature his magic combinations of soul, jazz, Latin, hip hop, disco, deep house, techno, Afro, and everything in between, resulting in experiences that connect your soul to your feet, and your body to the beats!

**Saturday at Billinudgel Hotel from 4–11pm. Tickets from [cunningstunts.com.au](http://cunningstunts.com.au)**



## THE RETURN OF UKE

**Miss Amber and Stukulele** are bringing **Uke Night** back to Mullum in the **Ex-Services Club**, every second month, starting this **Thursday** from **6.30pm**. Bring your ukulele and get ready for some major fun, strummin' and singin' lead by the uke night band, with guest vocalist **Clelia Adams**, and local members of the Monday night Mullum Uke Club.

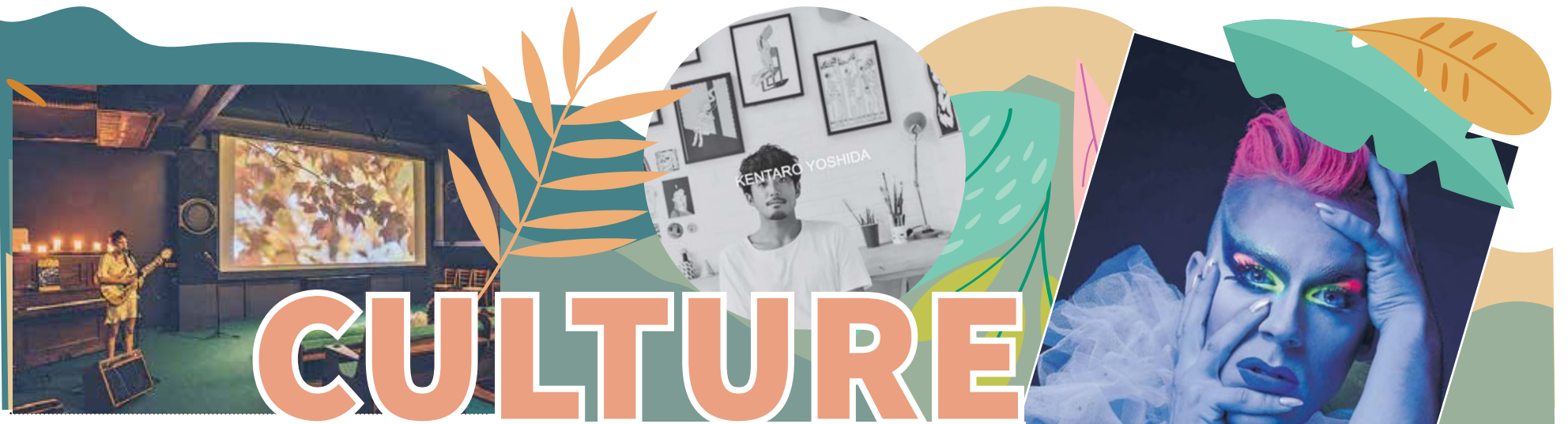
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## BREW HOUSE THEATRE AT BYRON BAY BREWERY

**Feb 1: Country Witches Association presents Gretel Killeen**  
**Feb 5: Films for change presents A Ballerina's Tale**  
**Feb 12: Films for change presents Choose Love**  
**Feb 14: Byron Bay Surf Festival**

**Byron Bay Brewery** has re-launched the iconic Pighthouse Flicks under a new banner – **Brew House Theatre**. Since 1995 this intimate venue has been an integral community meeting point for theatre and art lovers.

After the short closure of Pighthouse Flicks last year, the Brewery operators heard from many locals who were upset that the cinema had shut its doors, so they decided to continue the legacy of this characterful venue. The Brew House Theatre will be home to live stand-up comedy, arthouse films, family movies, surf premiers, intimate concerts, seminars, Q&A's and much more. The Brew House Theatre (100 seats) is also available to hire for functions and events. The state-of-the-art sound system and projection equipment is included when hiring this space. Get in touch if you're interested in hosting your next community event here.

Check out Brew House Theatre on Facebook for more information on upcoming events and shows @brewhousetheatrebbb

Featuring at The Brew House **this Saturday is Gretel Killeen**. Presented by The Country Witches Association (Mandy Nolan and Aine Tyrrell – who return with their sell-out show on Friday 21 Feb.) Gretel presents the low-down on what it is to be an outspoken woman in the media. Gretel has a well articulated point of view, she doesn't tolerate bullshit, she's a feminist, she's compassionate, and she's never one to stay silent. She also has a wonderful self-deprecating sense of humour.

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## ART SHOW FOR SURF FEST

This year BBSF group art show will be exhibited in the **RVCA Gallery Byron Bay**. They have brought a truly international group together for this 10th Anniversary show. They may be known for their surf culture contributions, in one way or another, heck they may have even painted a board or ten, but this lineup should not be restricted to the term 'surf artist'.

Featuring the likes of **Ozzie Wright, Ty Williams (US), Kentaro Yoshida (JPN), James McMillan, Jaleesa Vincent, Michele Lockwood (NYC/AUS) and Robin Falxa (FRA)**.

**Friday, 14 Feb at RVCA Gallery in Byron 5-7pm, hosted by Byron Surf Festival.**

## COWARD'S LAUGHTER

**The National Theatre Live Screening** at the **Byron Theatre** this month is *Present Laughter* by Noel Coward. This provocative comedy stars **Andrew Scott (Sherlock, Fleabag)** and follows the colourful life of the main character, star actor Garry Essendine, as he prepares to embark on an overseas tour. Engulfed by an escalating identity crisis, as his many and various relationships compete for his attention, Garry's few remaining days at home are a chaotic whirlwind of love, sex, panic and soul-searching. His colourful life is in danger of spiralling out of control.

**Captured live from The Old Vic in London, Present Laughter is a giddy and surprisingly modern reflection of fame, desire and loneliness. Screening at the Byron Theatre, at the Community Centre, on Saturday at 1pm. Tickets from byroncentre.com.au**

## UP IN THE TREES – A SENSORY ART EXPERIENCE BY TANYA OGILVIE-WHITE

Are you a fan of our region's colourful wildlife? If you are, and you'd like to finish your week with an immersive art experience, head down to LAC Gallery in Lennox Head later this month. There, you'll find more than thirty original artworks by local artist and wildlife photographer, **Tanya Ogilvie-White**, who uses her hot-wax paintings to draw attention to the exquisite beauty of the natural world.

*Up in the Trees* opens at **5.30pm on Friday at LAC Gallery, 2/72 Ballina Street, Lennox Head (0404 348 215)**. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. If you can't make it to the opening, take the time to see the exhibition, which runs until 13 February, with 20% of all profits from artwork sales going directly to wildlife rescue associated with the drought and bushfires.

**Lennox Arts Collective, 2/72 Ballina Street, Lennox Head. Opening 5.30 pm, Friday and running until 13 February.**

## LET YOUR IMAGINATION LOOSE IN THEATRE WORKSHOPS!

**The Drill Hall Theatre's** new artistic director **Liz Chance** is teaching a dynamic course in acting techniques for aspiring performers this February.

Liz comes with 30 years of experience as an actor/director, and taught stars of stage and screen for 12 years at NIDA, including Cate Blanchett, Sam Worthington, Damon Gameau and Jeremy Simms.

The course runs on Sundays, from 16 February to 5 April, 9am-1.30pm at The Drill Hall Theatre in Mullumbimby.

Classes cost \$225 and are designed for two age groups, 17-25 and 30-45 year-olds. Places are limited, and are by interview.

**Interviews will take place on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 February. Email liz\_chance@yahoo.com.au for more information, or to arrange an interview.**

## VELMA CELLI'S ME AND MY DIVAS

Velma Celli, The UK's queen of live vocal drag returns to the Brunswick Picture House stage with her brand-new show, *Me and My Divas*. No diva is safe, there's no riff she won't sing – so strap yourself in and let the belt-off begin.

Her new show is an overindulgent diva-fest celebrating the songs and behaviour of all of your favourite divas including Celine, Mariah, Whitney, Aretha, Cher, Britney (maybe not...) and many more. 'They're all on massive pedestals for me, especially the likes of Whitney and Mariah, and Celine. I'm really looking forward to performing for the Picture House audience, they are such a fun crowd. There will be so many songs from the 90s divas, and other artists. I've changed their songs a bit, including one Beyonce song that is very different.' Says Velma. Ms Celli has been making an annual pilgrimage from London to Australia for the last few years. Audiences have loved her show *A Brief History of Drag* and been impressed by her singing abilities.

**Velma Celli's Me and My Divas plays for one night only at the Brunswick Picture House, Thursday 7pm.**



## BIG GIG GOES MAD

This Thursday sees **Big Gig Comedy** return for 2020 with **Mad Mike Bennett**. And they don't call him *Mad Mike* for nothing!

For more than 20 years, Mad Mike's charisma-filled physical and observational comedy has been drawing hysterical responses from audiences all over Australia and New Zealand, his birth place. Mike's comedy insight and experience is unmatched throughout much of our great country, and his unique ability to extract side-splitting comedy from all manner of seemingly mundane and everyday material makes Mike one of the most loved comedians currently touring.

Mike is an award-winning comedian, winning the coveted Big 'E' Award for Best Atmosphere/Street Performer of the world's theme parks by IAAPA (International Association for Amusement Parks and Attractions) in 2006. Mike brings all of his 15 years as a street performer to the stage when he performs; Able to improvise like the pro that he is, as well as deliver flawlessly crafted extended gag after extended gag. There is not much that Mad Mike has not done and cannot do in the field of comedy, from entertaining big crowds at some of the best known theme parks, to having crowds crying with laughter on fancy cruise ships. Mike is a comedy force to be reckoned with.

**Don't miss this opportunity to see Mad Mike this month at The Big Gig at the Ballina RSL. He is supported by Ashwin Segkar who focuses on the hilarity and tension of growing up between Australia and Asia. He also created the online comedy cartoon, Boymongoose, viewed over ten million times online! MC'd by Mandy Nolan. Ballina RSL on Thursday at 8pm for free.**

# THE NIGHT OF IDEAS

Philippe Platel is the Cultural Attaché of the French Embassy in Australia. This Friday he joins with Byron Writers Festival Director Edwina Johnson to present *La Nuit des Idées*. The legendary French Ideas Festival will be conducted salon-style, with all proceeds of the event donated to the Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Appeal. Philippe spoke with *The Echo* about the first *Night of Ideas* to happen in Australia.



**Tell me a little about what happens at *La Nuit des Idées*?**

*La Nuit des idées* is an initiative of the Institut Français in Paris. The first 'Nights' started five years ago and aimed at gathering a wide audience, during a full night, around a theme, and speakers from different fields. Then the *Nuit des idées* infused around the world, and this year we are organising the first *Nuit des Idées* in Australia. Since the beginning of the Nights, five years ago, the formats have been adapted in each country. The events in Australia; Sydney and Byron Bay, will be more soirées (evenings) than whole nights, but who knows, maybe the next editions will become full nights if the audience seems responsive to that format.

**What is the salon-style of presentation? What is the French tradition of salons?**

The salons were called *Salons littéraires* and started under the reign of Louis XIV in the 17th century. These private events gathered people – from high society and the nobles, writers, philosophers, artists, and scientists – around a theme. Most of the time the host was a hostess, and the rule was to have very polite and respectful conversations. The aim was to show a good education. This tradition continued, before collapsing in the second half of the 20th century, with the emergence of new activities (TV mainly). During the 18th century, it's in the salons that the Lumière philosophy emerged, and it is said that these salons influenced the people who would lead the French revolution. There was an assumed will to contribute to a better well-being of human beings. During the 19th and 20th centuries, very famous writers frequented the salons, from Proust to Cocteau. It was also a safe place for gay writers and artists while homosexuality was still considered as a perversion and a crime outside the salons. The *Night of Ideas* has kept this sense of openness and contribution to a better understanding of the world, but in a much more inclusive way. The *Night of Ideas* aims at being international and open to all kinds of people, all generations, all backgrounds.

**How do ideas play out through creativity and culture? Do we relegate too much discussion to scientists, and forget our creatives?**

We are living in challenging times when creatives need to have conversations with other practitioners more than ever, especially scientists and philosophers. The answer to climate change for instance needs a powerful dialogue between artists and scientists.

**The line between art and science has always been very thin, probably because the creative and the scientific processes are based on a very similar method – research.**

But it is true that we can observe a quite concerning general mind-drought. Which is paradoxical, because we are fed with a massive load of information, but rarely are we exposed to ideas, if we don't actively look for them. Opinion, judgement, dry images, certainly – elaborated

ideas, inspiring comments, only more rarely. The goal of the *Night of Ideas* is to expose the audience to untapped ideas and connect them with the currency.

**Why is it important to argue? The French seem comfortable with it – but Australians don't seem to like it.**

Indeed, when I go back to France, twice a year, I can measure this appetite for debate among French people. I can see that much more now that I'm living in Australia where, as you said, debating doesn't make people comfortable. When you have a discussion in a dinner, very often, it's closer to a set of small exposés than a real debate on a topic. In France, it's better to be used-to debate, or you can be traumatised. We like our volcanic discussions. And paradoxically, I found that Australians do love marketed public talks. People can pay sometimes quite a high price to attend talks. In France, talks are often relegated to a second row in the hierarchy of cultural activities. Maybe our lust for ideas is satisfied by the enlivened cafe discussions?

**What are the ideas and arguments that have caught your attention with the work you've been doing lately?**

Of course the ideas around climate change. Australia is at the core of a global crisis. The world is looking at us, with fear, and a need for guidance, from thinkers, scientists, artists. We had chosen the theme of this *Nuit des Idées* – Being Alive, Staying Alive – a few months ago. We couldn't imagine that it would sadly resonate so much with the Australian context. It will be fascinating to listen to philosopher Thierry Hoquet, who is a specialist of species and Darwinism. How would Darwin comment on the death of a billion animals because of the bush fires?

**Tell me about the panel? What do you find intriguing about them?**

Like in the salons, the panel will be a mix of writers, performers, scientists and artists, and the pretext for a stimulating French-Australian encounter. I think Olivia Rosenthal and Eryck Abecassis' performance will astonish the audience. Olivia is a very famous writer who has worked a lot on animals, our relationship to them and survival. This performance shows another aspect of her talent, in collaboration with musician composer Eryck Abecassis. It's another way of expressing ideas, through performance. And they have a surprise for the Australian audience... I'm sure Thierry Hoquet's exposés will also resonate a lot with Damon Gameau's area. It will be very interesting to listen to Bronwyn Bancroft, and have the perspective of an Aboriginal artist on the recent tragedy.

**What should we expect for the Byron salon?**

That the audience will think with sand in their shoes! Slip Slop Slap – and think!

***La Nuit des Idées* with Dr Thierry Hoquet, Olivia Rosenthal, Fabrice de Rotrou, Dr Bronwyn Bancroft, Damon Gameau, and Kate McDowell at the Byron Theatre on Friday. Tickets \$30/35 from [byronwritersfestival.com](http://byronwritersfestival.com)**



## WOMEN LIKE US: NEW WOMEN, NEW SHOW!

Mandy Nolan and Ellen Briggs have been touring their smash hit comedy show *Women Like Us* around the country for over four years. With more than 140 shows, and after selling out at venues around the country several times over, the girls decided it was time to use their *Women Like Us* mojo and welcome new talent to the *Women like Us* tribe. Their upcoming show at **The Ballina RSL** features the cracking wit of **Katrina Davidson** and **Jenny Wynter**.

With 20 years of comedy experience, Katrina has brilliant stories that keep the laughs flowing. Heard across ABC radio in QLD she has headlined the best clubs in Australia and Canada. She also co-produces the Ladies Comedy Nights in Brisbane and can be found at sea performing on P&O cruise ships. She's shared the stage with some of the world's best comics, tackling relationships, observations and random events with equal passion. A fellow middle-aged mama of mirth, Katrina is thrilled to be joining the touring team that an Adelaide Festival reviewer declared to be 'Goddesses', asserting 'Everything they say and do is the absolute word of sacred truth!'

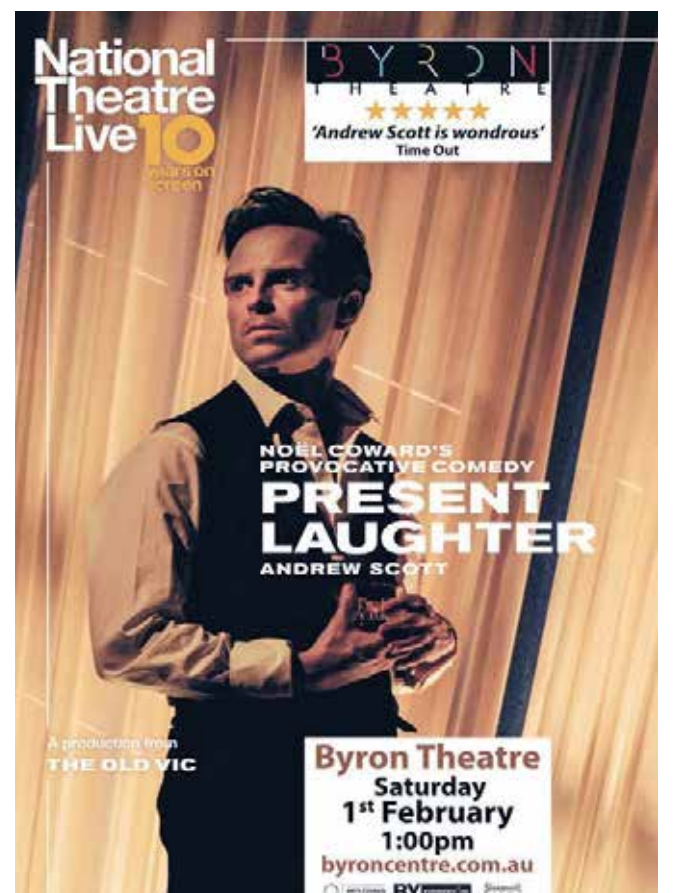
Jenny Wynter is an award-winning comedian, cabaret performer and writer who has performed throughout Australia, Canada and the USA. Her awards include the ABC iView Pitch Perfect Award for her web series *Viking Mama*, Best Variety Show at United Solo Festival in New York City, Excellence in Cabaret at Melbourne Fringe Festival, a Green Room Award Nomination for Best Cabaret Writing and the Ausmumpreneur Big Idea Award. Jenny's strengths are her powerful charisma and her incredible ability to improvise songs on the spot. Audiences are left stunned as she pens one-of-a-kind love songs on the spot!

*Women Like Us* is stand-up at its best, where Katrina and Jenny drill down on the everyday! They're overworked, overwhelmed and over it...

**And they're at Ballina RSL on Friday 6 March. Doors open 7pm with show at 8pm. Tickets are \$35 at the club or online from [womenlikeus.com.au](http://womenlikeus.com.au) or [ballinarsl.com.au](http://ballinarsl.com.au).**

**V-Day Byron Bay | 14 Feb | 6.30am | Main Beach**

**The Vagina Conversations | Byron Theatre, Community Centre | 14 and 15 Feb | 7pm | [byroncentre.com.au](http://byroncentre.com.au)**





## FLICKERFEST – ELECTRIFYING SHORT FILMS!

Flickerfest returns to the Northern Rivers from **Thursday to Saturday** for its 22nd year, screening a smorgasbord of the best short films from the Byron region, Australia and the world, across one cinema-packed short-film weekend at the **Mullumbimby Civic Hall**.

Flickerfest remains Australia's only Academy qualifying and BAFTA recognised short film festival, and presents an A-list short film program that's recognised among the best in the world. Flickerfest remains a platform for celebrating the most entertaining and innovative short films from Australia and around the world.

The Flickerfest program includes the **Opening Night Party** and **Best Of International Shorts** (Thurs, drinks 7pm, Films start 8pm) and the **Best Of Australian Shorts** (Friday, films start 8pm), curated from the Flickerfest International and Australian programs in competition at Bondi; and **Short Laughs Comedy** (Saturday, films start 8pm) an off-kilter selection of clever comedy shorts from across the world. This is a one-off chance to see these amazing short films before they continue their journey around the world; expect to experience the best in short films that Australia and the world have to offer.

The Flickerfest 2020 program in Bondi was selected from over 3,500 entries and 100 countries, giving local Flickerfest audiences the first look at the hottest short films in the world today. At Flickerfest Mullumbimby they will be screening an entertaining, inspiring and award-winning range of over 30 Flickerfest short films, curated into three highlight programs over three nights, many of which are world or Australian premieres.

Flickerfest also presents **the best of Northern Rivers shorts** with the **Byron All Shorts** (Sat 1 Feb, 4pm) finalist's screening, selected from around 50 entries, showcasing a wonderful new collection of creative shorts from our very talented local filmmakers, on a range of themes that reflect Northern Rivers life.

Mullum Flickerfest and Byron All Shorts, Northern Rivers short film competition, winners screening will take place at **Mullum Civic Hall, Thursday-Saturday. Event info and tix [iq.org.au](http://iq.org.au)**



## 1917

Another war film has hit screens, with a very similar feeling to *Dunkirk* (2017). Sam Mendes takes the reins for this film as both writer and director. *1917* follows the story of two soldiers who are tasked to deliver a critical message that could potentially save the lives of 600 men. The two young soldiers (George Mackay and Dean-Charles Chapman) must cross enemy lines to deliver this critical message, and the stakes are even higher as one of the 600 men in danger is the brother of one of the young soldiers.

The direction is technically brilliant. It is shot as if you were following right behind the two soldiers throughout their entire journey. In a way it feels like you are playing a video game. Mendes creates a feeling of constant, unrelenting danger. It's nerve-racking, and you feel as if all hell could break-loose at any second.

Unfortunately, sustaining this edge-of-your-seat tension

seems to have come at the cost of character development. Bringing in some well-known and talented actors such as Colin Firth and Benedict Cumberbatch in supporting roles only somewhat makes up for the lack of character depth in the lead roles. If Mendes had managed to dig deeper into these characters while delivering this directing masterpiece, this film would have been one for the history books. Nonetheless, this is a fantastic war film and is well worth seeing on the big screen.

## STARS BY LILITH



Welcome to the year of the enterprising, opportunistic Rat who, according to myth, in a race across the Celestial River to be the first animal on the eastern zodiac, pipped better-equipped creatures by hopping on Ox's back, then leaping off to hit land first. What tactics are best for you this year?

- ♈ **ARIES:** Like Aries in Western astrology, Rat as the first sign of the Eastern zodiac brings a dose of starter energy – an auspicious time to change directions or break new ground in any area of your life. Choose carefully though, because what you begin this year will continue for quite some time.
- ♉ **TAURUS:** Japanese and Hindu gods of wealth are accompanied by a rat with a bowl of gold, and the acquisitive, financially smart Rat suits the Taurean temperament to a T. Plus, you'll benefit by learning new ways of approaching change positively, because adapting to evolving conditions is the secret of success in a Rat year.
- ♊ **GEMINI:** The frugal, thrifty influence of the Rat puts the brakes on excess spending, lending or risky speculation. Steer clear of get rich quick schemes and you'll still find plenty of good deals to cash in on. Like Geminis, Rat is clever, super adaptable, and always has a Plan B up its sleeve.
- ♋ **CANCER:** This enterprising, opportunistic Yang Metal year could hear cash registers ringing *ka-ching* for Cancerians, who are advised to emulate the canny rodent and keep a nest-egg stashed for contingencies like family needing your help – because the extremely clan-conscious Rat always takes care of its own.
- ♌ **LEO:** Busy, inquisitive Rat loves a chat and swapping hot gossip, which this year could come back to bite you where it hurts. Discretion is definitely necessary, so edit that urge to vent. And expect plenty of competition, though your knack for being in the right place at the right time will always give you the edge.
- ♍ **VIRGO:** The fast-paced Rat-race year definitely needs advanced stress management, so channel the best of Rat savvy to find ways of working smarter instead of harder. Avoiding punishing workloads and spending time with friends is your 2020 key to connecting with interesting new openings in unexpected ways.
- ♎ **LIBRA:** Rats are a pack animal, which suits Libra's socialising side, but this year's balancing act will be between Rat savvy and Rat trickery. While the year brings juicy opportunities, be wary of high pressure sales spiels and impulse buying; don't hesitate to get professional advice before making financial commitments.
- ♏ **SCORPIO:** This is a year when establishing long-term goals, keeping an eye on the bigger picture and careful pre-planning will give you an advantage. Nurturing strong connections, making strategic alliances and assisting others will also work for you, because then people will be more likely to repay the favour when you need it.
- ♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** While this lucky year presents you with plenty of new personal, creative and business opportunities – and challenges – think carefully before launching into any plan of action. Do your homework. Try not to say anything you might regret, because people have long memories in the time of the Rat
- ♑ **CAPRICORN:** The year of the upwardly mobile Rat can increase productivity and profits, but too much focus on career may put a strain on intimate relationships. Adapting to changing circumstance is the Rat's genius, so acquaint yourself with escape clauses, emergency exits and strategies for cutting losses should that be called for.
- ♒ **AQUARIUS:** While Aquarians like to be spontaneous and free to act on whatever whim takes their fancy, in a Rat year, due diligence, extensive research and crosschecking are all absolutely essential. Ventures begun during this cycle can be successful, as long as preparations have been thorough – and potentially very expensive if they haven't.
- ♓ **PISCES:** Pisceans like to merge – but the canny Rat's concerned with mergers of the practical kind, so be advised that unwary Fish are more easily cheated in a tricky Rat year. No matter how tempting an offer seems, pay a professional to go over the fine-print before signing up.

# PALACE CINEMAS

Session Times: Thu 30 Jan - Wed 5 Feb

**ANDRÉ RIEU**  
70 YEARS YOUNG  
FEB 8 & 9

<p><b>THE GREAT COMPOSERS: IN SEARCH OF MOZART</b> 134 min (CTC) Sat, Sun: 12:30 Daily except Sat, Sun: 12:30</p> <p><b>A HIDDEN LIFE</b> 174 min (PG) Daily: 2:30, 8:10PM</p> <p><b>MIDWAY</b> 138 min (M) Daily except Sat, Sun: 12:20, 3:10, 8:30PM Sat, Sun: 12:40, 3:10, 8:30PM</p> <p><b>SEBERG</b> 103 min (M) Daily: 4:00, 6:15PM</p> <p><b>1917</b> 119 min (MA15+) Thu, Fri, Mon, Tue: 1:10, 3:40, 6:10, 8:40PM Sat, Sun: 3:40, 6:10, 8:40PM Wed: 1:40, 4:00, 6:30, 8:50PM</p> <p><b>A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD</b> 109 min (PG) Daily: 12:15, 3:30, 6:00PM</p>	<p><b>A SHAUN THE SHEEP MOVIE: FARMAGEDDON</b> 87 min (G) Daily: 11:30AM</p> <p><b>BAD BOYS FOR LIFE</b> 124 min (MA15+) Daily: 3:40, 8:15PM</p> <p><b>BOMBSHELL</b> 109 min (M) Daily: 10:00AM, 1:40, 6:20, 8:40</p> <p><b>DOLLITTLE</b> 101 min (PG) Daily: 10:40, 12:50, 3:40, 6:00</p> <p><b>FROZEN 2</b> 103 min (PG) Daily: 11:20AM</p> <p><b>JOJO RABBIT</b> 108 min (M) Daily: 1:10, 6:10, 8:20PM</p> <p><b>JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL</b> 123 min (PG) Daily: 10:10AM, 1:00PM</p> <p><b>JUST MERCY</b> 137 min (M) Daily: 12:50, 8:30PM</p> <p><b>LIKE A BOSS</b> 83 min (M) Daily: 8:40PM</p>	<p><b>LITTLE WOMEN</b> 135 min (G) Daily except Wed: 3:20, 6:00 Wed: 11:00AM, 3:20, 6:00PM</p> <p><b>MY SPY</b> 100 min (PG) Daily: 10:10AM</p> <p><b>STAR WARS: THE RISE OF SKYWALKER</b> 142 min (M) Daily except Sat, Sun: 10:20AM Sat, Sun: 9:50AM</p> <p><b>THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM</b> 91 min (PG) Daily: 11:40AM</p> <p><b>THE GENTLEMEN</b> 113 min (MA15+) Daily except Wed: 10:50AM, 4:00, 6:00PM Wed: 4:00, 6:00PM</p> <p><b>THE PEANUT BUTTER FALCON</b> 97 min (M) Daily: 1:50, 6:00PM</p> <p><b>UNDERWATER</b> 95 min (M) Daily: 8:15PM</p>
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<p><b>MIDWAY</b> Thurs 30th To Wed 5th 12:00PM 4:05PM 6:30PM</p>	<p><b>BOMBSHELL</b> Thurs 30th To Wed 5th 12:15PM 6:45PM</p>	<p><b>JUST MERCY</b> Thurs 30th To Wed 5th 11:35AM 8:45PM</p>	<p><b>JOJO RABBIT</b> Thurs 30th To Wed 5th 2:00PM 9:10PM</p>	<p><b>1917</b> Thurs 30th To Wed 5th 10:05AM 4:20PM 7:00PM</p>
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## THURSDAY 30

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **FRIEND ZONE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FRIENDLY ENEMIES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **THE GIN BUGGS**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 8PM **THE RUBENS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, **LA LATIN - LATIN MUSIC TAKEOVER**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **CASS ELEVEN**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **VELMA CELLI'S - ME AND MY DIVAS**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MULLUM UKE NIGHT**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 7PM **FLICKERFEST - OPENING NIGHT PARTY, 8PM FLICKERFEST - BEST OF INTERNATIONAL SHORTS**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **BIG GIG COMEDY - FEATURING: MAD MIKE BENNETT + ASHWIN SEGKAR AND MC MANDY NOLAN**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 8PM **BEN SALTER**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 6PM **WILDFLOWER**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **THE AMITY AFFLICTION - ALL MY FRIENDS ARE DEAD TOUR'**

## FRIDAY 31

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **MILD WEST, THE BUTLERS, THE RUIINS + OFF JUDY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **PINK ZINC**

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **TORA & GUESTS**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **WILD MARMALADE**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **LA NUIT DES IDÉES PRESENTED BY BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, **DJ FREJA & DJ SIMBA**
- TARGA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- THOM GALLERY, BYRON BAY, 6PM **THE LOST ART OF PRIVACY: A DOCUMENTATION OF THE BAND CALLED PARCELS - PHOTOGRAPHY B JEAN . R RACLET**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **SKYEATER**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **MESCALITO BLUES**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **PUSSY PLAY MASTERCLASS, 8PM WANK BANK MASTERCLASS**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 7PM **TRIVIA, 7PM JOHN DIXON**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, **KRAPPYKEE**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **PHIL & TILLEY**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 8PM **FLICKERFEST - BEST OF AUSTRALIAN SHORTS**
- LENNOX ARTS COLLECTIVE 5.30PM **UP IN THE TREES - A SENSORY ART EXPERIENCE BY TANYA OGILVIE-WHITE**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **COL GERMANO, LEVEL ONE 7PM MANPOWER, 7PM MISS RENEE SIMONE & MARK FULCHER**
- ROUS MILL HALL 7PM **ROUS UNPLUGGED**
- DUSTY ATTIC, LISMORE, 7PM **ZECHARIAH EP TEASER**

- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB PLATINUM LOUNGE 7.30PM **LONG GONE DADDYS**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 8PM **PROGNOSIS - PROG PSY EVENT**
- EAST LISMORE BOWLO 8PM **MONKEY & THE FISH**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE, 9.30PM **UNDERCOVER**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7PM **SALT & STEEL**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **MICROPHONE BLONDE**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **DEVIL'S KIOSK**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **RHODES DELUX**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, JUNIORS 3.30PM **ROB KEITH, THE SHOWROOM 8PM THE STEVIE NICKS/FLEETWOOD MAC EXPERIENCE - GOLD DUST WOMAN TOUR**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **THE RUBENS - CHUCKA BUCKA'S - SUMMER REGIONAL TOUR 2020**

## SATURDAY 1

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **TUPPAWARE PARTY, THE LONESOMES, DUNE RATS RECORD RELEASE PARTY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **MARSHALL & THE FRO**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **KURILPA REACH AND THE BABY, BREAKS AND CAPTAIN, SQUIDLICKA AND THE SINKING SHIPS**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **PRESENT LAUGHTER BY NOËL COWARD NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE SCREENING**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, **BILLYTHEKID & REIFLEX**
- BRU HOUSE THEATRE, BYRON BAY, 5PM **COUNTRY WITCHES ASSOCIATION PRESENTS GRETIL KILLEEN**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **MOSES PARKER**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 9PM **ROB EDWARDS + LOCAL DJS**
- BRUNSWICK MARKET 10AM **THE GARDEN PARTY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **PUSSY PLAY MASTERCLASS, 8PM WANK BANK MASTERCLASS**
- LULU'S CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY, 11AM **KELLY BROUHAHA**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 4PM **BYRON ALL SHORTS, 8PM FLICKERFEST - SHORT LAUGHS COMEDY**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 4PM **CURIOUS - DJS LIPPO, R.I.A., DALE STEPHEN, LORD SUT + GABRIEL OTU**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **NATHAN KAYE**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **THE RAIDERS**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE, 9.30PM **MY ADDICTION**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **THE ROCHELLE LEES BAND**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **TROMBONE KELLIE**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8.30PM **JJ AND THE RADIO SOULS**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **JET CLUB EFFECT**
- ROWAN ROBINSON PARK, KINGSCLIFF, 3PM **NAOMI CONNELL + OPEN MIC**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **NICOLE BROPHY**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **MANTLEPEACE, 7PM BILL JACOBI**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 5.30PM **KYLE BRYANT**

## SUNDAY 2

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **BEN WALSH**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY **SUNSTONE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 2PM **INFECTED MUSHROOM**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 12PM **SUNDAY SESSION DJS SLACK & VINNIE LADUCE**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **JOSHUA TREE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **CHEAP FAKES**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 9AM **SPEAK UP WITH MANDY NOLAN & GRETIL KILLEEN**
- SEVEN MILE, LENNOX HEAD, 3PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **TAHLIA MATHESON**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 11AM **THE BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 11.30AM **VASUDHA & JEM**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **JOSH HAMILTON**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 3PM **SEARCH FOR A STAR KARAOKE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, JUNIORS 2.30PM **MICAH EL GEEVES**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 1.30PM **REMEDY**

## MONDAY 3

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- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, **REGGAE NIGHT 4'20 SOUNDS AFTERPARTY**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**

## TUESDAY 4

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## WEDNESDAY 5

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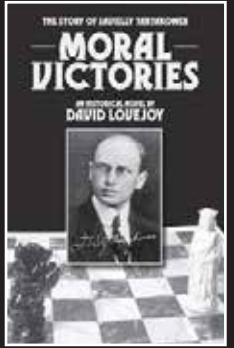
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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY / EVENTS	
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<b>Yoga Pilates Yogalates Barre</b>	<b>LOCATION LEGEND</b> (B): Bangalow (SP): Suffolk Park (BT): Byron Town	<b>6.30-7.30am: BARRE FITNESS (B)</b> <b>9.30-10.45am: SLOW FLOW (B)</b> <b>6-7.15pm: YOGALATES (SP)</b>	<b>6.30-7.30am: CORE SLIDERS (B)</b> <b>9.30-11am: YOGALATES (BT)</b> <b>6-7.15pm: YOGALATES (B)</b>	<b>9.15-10.15am: BARRE FITNESS (B)</b> <b>6-7.15pm: PILATES W YOGA STRETCH (SP)</b> <b>6-7.15pm: YIN YOGA (B)</b>	<b>9.30-11am: YOGALATES WITH WEIGHTS (B)</b>	<b>6.30-7.30am: BARRE SPORT (B)</b> <b>10-11.30am: YOGALATES (SP)</b>	<b>8-9.30am: YOGALATES (B &amp; SP)</b> <b>10-11am: PILATES ALIGN (B)</b>	See web for full timetable and studio locations <a href="http://yogalates.com.au">yogalates.com.au</a>
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• Women's Wellness Workshop

**Wed 12th Feb**  
• Portuguese - Beginners

**Thu 13th Feb**  
• First Words Advanced  
• Italian - Beginners

**Sat 14th Feb**  
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**Sun 15th Feb**  
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## FUNERAL NOTICES

### CLARICE 'AILEEN', PEPPER

Passed away peacefully at Coolamon Villa, with family at her side. Much loved wife of Merv. Loved mother and mother-in-law of Ross (dec) & Daya and Rodney. Loved grandmother of Avalon, Bodhi and Mebbin. Aileen will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a funeral service for Aileen to be held at the Uniting Church, Dalley Street, Mullumbimby on FRIDAY (January 31, 2020) commencing at 11.00am.

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"There is no cure for birth and death save to enjoy the interval."  
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## PETS

### Kittens!

We all adore kittens but we're a bit sad that these beautiful souls are in the shelter. These faces are hopefully a cute reminder to get your pets desexed as we are well in to kitten season. After all, fancy starting out in life in the shelter? All of our kittens are searching for their forever homes so please come & meet them at the Cat Adoption Centre, 124 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby.

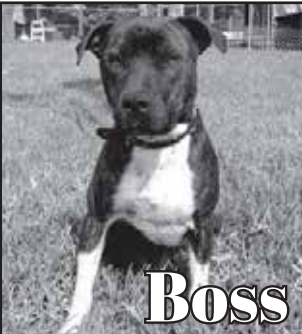
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If you like the sound of this big adorable boy and could provide him with some room to romp, **please phone Shell on 0458461935**. MC: 900164001658735



**Boss** is a 2 1/2 year old desexed male American Staffy. He is a delightful boy, affectionate and friendly and good with other dogs. Typical staffy, he needs human company and will make a loyal and loving companion. If you can give Boss a permanent, loving home please contact Pam on **0421 017 461**. Microchip number 991001002703955 ABN 83 126 970 338.

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01/07/1944-30/01/2019



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### BIRTHDAYS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY SIMON



Love from US



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## MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT Bruns Heads	6628 4495	4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911
1st SAT Alstonville	0429 019 407	4th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807	4th SUN Murwillumbah	0422 565 168
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
2nd SAT Flea, Byron YAC		5th SUN Lennox Head	0419 369 609
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631	5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433	<b>FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS</b>	
2nd SUN Lennox Head	0419 369 609	Each TUE New Brighton	6677 1345
2nd SUN Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159	Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370	Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024	Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150	Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338	Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
4th SAT Evans Head	0439 489 631	Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
4th SAT Wilsons Creek	6684 0299	Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar	0457 471 583	Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore	0466 415 172
		Each SAT 8.30-12am Blue Knob	

## On The Horizon

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked 'On The Horizon' to editor@echo.net.au.

#### RDA

Riding Develops Abilities (RDA) will hold a volunteer training morning on Wednesday January 29 from 8-10am at the Ballina & District RDA Riding Centre - 377 Houghlahans Creek Rd, Teven. If you enjoy activities with people who have a disability and riding horses this could be for you. For further information call Peta 0447005996.

#### Fun Croquet

Join us for a social game of croquet at the Black Rocks sports field, beginners and visitors welcome. Games start 8.30am Tuesday and Thursday. \$5 per game. Enquiries: 0413 335941.

#### End of life choices

Exit International is a voluntary euthanasia group that meets quarterly. Meetings are held at the Robina Community Centre. Attendees must be Exit Members. Next meeting will be on February 13. Further information on our website: www.exitinternational.net, or phone local coordinator Catherine 0435 228 443.

#### CWA Bangalow

Interested women are welcome Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am-1pm and the second Monday evening of each month 5-7pm in the Bangalow CWA rooms for craft and friendship. Rooms are open daily Monday-Saturday 9am-noon.

#### Brunswick Progress Assoc'n

The resident's voice - Brunswick Heads Progress Association - is meeting on Monday, February 3, at the Brunswick Heads Community Centre (opposite the surf club) at 7:00 pm. All permanent residents concerned about the environment and the progress of Brunswick Heads are welcome to come and have their say. Check out our Facebook Page for more information.

#### U3A Ballina/Byron

We start the year with, 'A book I have read'. Usual time and place, the meeting room, Mullumbimby RSL, 10am, 4th February. Enquiries 6680 7350.

#### Probus club

The next meeting of Hastings Point, Tweed Coast Probus club will be at Tricare, Tweed Coast Rd, on Tuesday, 18 February at 10 am. Speaker, Scott Jones, on a natural solutions for households to divert everyday food waste away from landfill. Enquiries: Jean 02 6670 4072.

#### Federal Exchange

The Summer Federal Exchange is on Saturday, February 1 from 10am at Federal Park Playground. This is an all-weather, family-friendly, cash-free community event. Bring along any garden fruit, veg, herbs, cuttings, seeds, eggs, bulbs etc to swap and share. See FB group The Federal Exchange for details or email: thefederalexchange@gmail.com.

#### Family history

The Richmond-Tweed Family History Society meetings will take place at Players Theatre, 24 Swift Street, Ballina, 2-4pm on the first Saturday in each month. The first meeting is 1 February, with speaker Jane Griffin on My First Family Member in Australia.

#### Emerge Australia

Emerge Australia Inc is a not-for-profit charity supporting those with myalgic encephalomyelitis, also known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. For more information see the Emerge Australia Website at www.emerge.org.au.

#### Soap Aid saving lives

Soap Aid is a not-for-profit organisation recycling and sending critically needed soap to communities facing major hygiene challenges. Please drop in your partly used household or holiday rental soap to Kim at Raine & Horne, 39 Fletcher Street, Byron Bay. Call 0499 839 566. All quantities welcome. www.soapaid.org.

#### Seniors computer club

Byron Shire seniors computer club invites interested seniors to come to learn how to use your photos creatively. The group meets at Ocean Shores Community Centre, Wednesdays 1-3pm during school terms. For more information phone Lynne on 0428 665 948.

#### Junior chess club

The Mullum junior chess club meets after school until 4.45pm Tuesdays in room F4 at Mullumbimby High School. All ages, all standards welcome. Phone Mike 6684 6281.

#### Support after suicide

StandBy provides support to people who have lost someone to suicide. They provide free face-to-face and telephone support and are accessible 24/7. Follow-up contact is available. Find out more at: www.standbysupport.com.au or call 13 11 14. If you, or someone you are with, are in need of immediate support call 000.

#### Breast Cancer Support

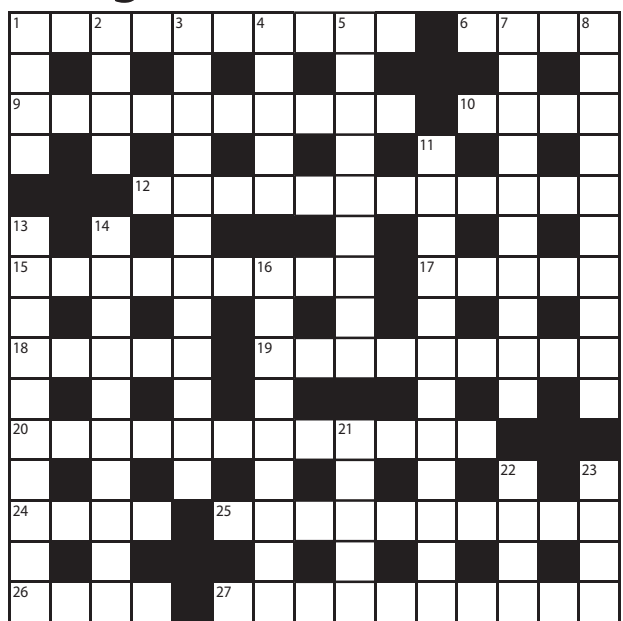
The Breast Cancer Support Group Byron Bay gets together from the Byron Community Cabin on Carlyle Street, next to the tennis courts, from 12.30pm-2.30pm, every 3rd Wednesday of the month. More info on Facebook: Breast Cancer Support Group Byron Bay, or call 0431 207 453.

#### Homeschool teens

Get together with other teens and their families for regular meet-ups and activities in and around Byron Shire homeschooling families. For more information join our Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/byronbayteenhomeschool.

## Mungo's Crossword

N320



#### Cryptic Clues

##### ACROSS

- Vegetable church - an environmental crusader! (10)
- Pander to quiet devil (4)
- Executives helper for each 100 bits of loose talk - they help secure documents! (9)
- Firm mother produces deep sleep (4)
- Ned hurt in severe weather event (12)
- No miracle cure for tough digger (4,5)
- Ambassador, prophet, slave (5)
- Graduate with courses - right, but less noble (5)
- A daffodil, perhaps, for a very vain man (9)
- Damaging weather event - unfortunately Ascot also wet (4,5,3)
- Knife Pyne, they urge (4)
- Ceasing ironing - that's sad (10)
- Call a band
- S, a tired type (6,4)

##### DOWN

- Look amazed at grand gorilla (4)
- See the English agent (4)
- One matriarch takes over Canada and the USA (5,7)
- The Spanish and the French name De Generes (5)
- Prize predator and queen for Ganymede, perhaps (9)
- I trick Office Commanding, final a breaker of images (10)
- Pig smart at becoming a practical being (10)
- Havoc kits prepared with the heavens - Russian composer (12)
- 'Diamonds' Morant - a tough vessel (10)
- Crowds English on a ship - charge for impromptu musical performance (3,7)
- Inner opal configuration - incomparable (9)
- Short and sharp - reset, reset! (5)
- A good penalty (4)
- Mature, silver journalist (4)

#### Quick Clues

##### ACROSS

- Conservation organisation (10)
- Pander, one living on prostitutes (4)
- Small office fasteners (10)
- State of complete unconsciousness (4)
- Violent weather event (12)
- Provider of fossil fuel (4,5)
- Spartan slave (5)
- Less noble (5)
- Youth in love with his own reflection (9)
- Southern Australian cyclone event (4,5,3)
- Indonesian knife (4)
- Saddening, bringing down (10)
- Band, sash (4)
- Tired or lazy type (6,4)

##### DOWN

- Look surprised (4)
- Notice, see (4)
- United States and Canada (5,7)
- Singer de Generes (5)
- One who brings the drinks (3,6)
- Breaker of images (10)
- Practical type, not an idealist (10)
- Russian composer of the 1812 Overture (12)
- Polar exploration ship (10)
- Improvised jazz concert (3,7)
- Supreme, unrivalled (9)
- Curt, abrupt (5)
- Penalty, fee (4)
- Not young (4)

#### Last week's solution N319

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## Regular As Clockwork

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Please note that, owing to space restrictions, not all entries may be included each week. Email copy marked 'Regular As Clockwork' to editor@echo.net.au.

#### Respite Service

Byron Shire Respite Service Inc delivers high-quality respite care to a broad range of clients throughout the Byron, Ballina and Lismore shires. Donations welcome: Ph 6685 1921, email fundraiser@byronrespite.com.au, website: www.byronrespite.com.au.

#### Low-cost or free food

**Food Box Thursdays** 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. **Free Food Relief Bags** for anyone doing it tough, every Wednesday 10-12noon at The Hub Ocean Shores, cnr Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILs referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details.

#### Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm and offers a range of services and activities. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy art, music, games, great food and more. Call reception on 6684 1286 and discover what is on offer.

#### Alateen meeting

Alateen meeting every Thursday at 5-6pm. Do you have a parent, close friend or relative with a drinking problem? Alateen can help. For 8-16-year-olds meet St Cuthbert's Anglican Church Hall, 13 Powell Street, corner of Florence Street Tweed Heads. Al-Anon family groups for older members at the same time and place. 1300 ALANON 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au

		First quarter	2 Feb	12.41pm	<b>FEBRUARY 2020</b>		<b>Astronomical data and tides</b>	
		Full moon	9 Feb	6.33pm				
		Third quarter	16 Feb	9.17am				
		New moon	24 Feb	2.32am				
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)		
1	S	0616	1942	1219	0156 1.21; 1353 1.30	0739 0.65; 2026 0.48		
2	S	0616	1941	1312	0002	0259 1.23; 1444 1.20	0847 0.71; 2116 0.49	
3	M	0617	1941	1407	0035	0412 1.28; 1550 1.12	1010 0.74; 2214 0.49	
4	T	0618	1940	1504	0112	0520 1.37; 1705 1.09	1138 0.70; 2313 0.45	
5	W	0619	1940	1604	0155	0618 1.48; 1815 1.10	1249 0.61	
6	T	0620	1939	1704	0243	0712 1.61; 1915 1.15	0008 0.39; 1344 0.51	
7	F	0621	1938	1802	0339	<b>0800 1.73</b> ; 2009 1.21	0100 0.31; 1430 0.40	
8	S	0621	1938	1858	0441	<b>0848 1.84</b> ; 2058 1.28	<b>0149 0.23</b> ; <b>1515 0.30</b>	
9	S	0622	1937	1949	0547	<b>0933 1.92</b> ; 2145 1.35	<b>0237 0.15</b> ; <b>1557 0.23</b>	
10	M	0623	1936	2035	0656	<b>1018 1.95</b> ; 2232 1.40	<b>0324 0.11</b> ; <b>1639 0.19</b>	
11	T	0624	1935	2117	0805	<b>1101 1.94</b> ; 2319 1.44	<b>0413 0.11</b> ; <b>1721 0.18</b>	
12	W	0625	1935	2156	0913	<b>1145 1.86</b>	<b>0501 0.16</b> ; <b>1803 0.20</b>	
13	T	0625	1934	2235	1019	0008 1.45; <b>1229 1.73</b>	<b>0554 0.26</b> ; <b>1845 0.25</b>	
14	F	0626	1933	2313	1124	0100 1.45; 1313 1.56	0651 0.38; 1930 0.31	
15	S	0627	1932	2353	1228	0159 1.44; 1402 1.38	0759 0.51; 2018 0.38	
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Times are Eastern Standard Daylight Savings Time.  
Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil; Brunswick River Hwy Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr; Mullumbimby: 1 hr 10 min; Billinudgel: 3 hr 55 min; Chinderah: high 1 hr 15 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. Tides in bold indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less. Data from Bureau of Meteorology.



#### ACA

Adult Children of Alcoholic Parents and/or Dysfunctional Families (ACA) help & recovery group meets in East Lismore every Friday 10-11.30am corner 215 Dibbs St and Wyrallah Rd in small Quakers hut next to Community Hall.

#### Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 - 30 meetings a week in the Shire - www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 1300 652 820 or text your postcode to 0488 811 247. www.na.org.au. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meeting held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow - 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au.

#### Library fun

Baby Bounce session Mullumbimby - Tuesday 11.30am, Brunswick Heads - Friday 10.30am, Byron Bay - Wednesday 10am. Storytime for toddlers and pre-school children Mullumbimby - Momday, 10am, Brunswick Heads - Monday 10.30am, Byron Bay - Tuesday 10.30am.

#### Social sporting groups

**Mullumbimby:** Tuesday Ladies Group of Riverside Tennis Club welcomes new players 9.30am every Tuesday next to Heritage Park, for social tennis, fun and friendship. Info: Barbara 6684 8058. Tuesdays: 10.30am. **Byron:** Drumming with Gareth Jones at Byron Theatre; Chair Yoga with Pippy Wardell 12 till 1pm. Wednesdays: Choir with Kim Banffy, 10-11am; Ukulele 11.30-12.15. Suggested donation of \$10. No bookings needed, information seniors@byroncommuntycentre.com or call 6685 6807. **South Golden Shores Community Centre** every Monday at 10.30. Phone 0435 780 017. **Bangalow Bowlo** Sundays at 3pm. All welcome. Enquiries Margot 0412 394 932. **Byron Bay Croquet** at Croquet Club next to the Scout Hall at the Byron Rec Grounds every Monday at 3.30pm. Ring 0477 972 535. **Pottsville Fun Croquet Club** at Black Rocks Sportfield. Beginners and visitors welcome. Game starts 9.30am Tuesday and 2pm Thursday. \$5 per game. Enquiries 0413 335 941.

#### Carers' support

Mullumbimby Mental Health Carers' Support Group for family members and friends who have a loved one with a mental health issue. Meeting on 4th Thursday of each month 9.30am at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Info: Leanne 0409 818 643.

#### Contact Improvisation

Contact Improvisation Saturdays in Mullumbimby 10-12 noon at St Martin's, Church Hall, Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. All levels of dancers welcome. Enquiries 0402 059 564.

#### Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazerati2010@gmail.com.

#### Language exchange

Byron language exchange club runs every 2nd Friday from 6pm at Club Byron (Bowlo). Practise other languages or help someone with your English! Find us on Facebook. Contact byronbaylanguages@gmail.com.

#### Museums

**Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum** corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10-12 and market Saturdays 9-1. Discover your local history, join our team - 6684 4367. **Bangalow Heritage House Museum & Cafe** is open Wednesday to Friday 10am till 3pm. Enjoy home style cooking, fresh baked scones and more. Monthly meeting 1st Monday of each month at Heritage House Bangalow 6687 2183.

#### Labyrinth Walk

Walk the Labyrinth at Byron Bay Uniting Church 1st Sunday of the month between 2.30 and 4pm. Introductory talk at 2pm. Info: Lauall Greer 0438 608 776.

#### Toastmasters

**Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters** meetings coaching in communication and self-development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6.40pm at Byron Services Club, Byron Bay; www.byronbaytoastmasters.org. **Mullum Magic Toastmasters** meet every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday Presbyterian Church Hall, 101 Stuart Street Mullumbimby 7-9 pm. Contact Shona 0457356567 or Bronte 0451567996.

#### French Conversation

Alliance Française - French Conversation in Lismore. Café Conversation every Thursday at Miss Lizzie's, Woodlark St, Lismore, 5-6pm. Come and speak French. For more info: afnorthcoast.org.au.

#### U3A discussion group

U3A audiovisual small discussion group. Thursday 10am-12pm. Further info Beverly 0474 943 601.

#### Time to sing

Come sing inspiring songs and make new friends, Sundays, 10am at South Golden Beach Community Hall. Call Linda: 0415 412 514.

## Francis wants to go all the way with water polo



Francis Rupnik has already made his mark with one of Brisbane's top teams. Photo supplied

Alstonville water polo player Francis Rupnik has been representing Queensland in the sport for the last three years and has a vision to make it to the Olympics.

Francis has found the time to train with the Barrucas, one of Brisbane's strongest clubs, after coming through the ranks with Alstonville and playing for the Queensland team.

In December his U/18 Barrucas squad not only won their section of the Queensland Club State Titles but they also came third in the open section of the competition.

He is setting his eyes on a Pan Pacific competition in New Zealand that will

include that country's top club sides, as well as representative sides from the east coast of Australia.

But he wants to go all the way.

'I'd love to play at the highest level possible, I'd love to play at the Olympics and for the national team,' Francis said.

Francis's grandfather was a top player with Slovenia, and toured with the team when they were here for the 1956 Olympics. He never went home. In turn Francis was introduced to the sport by his father.

He also had great local support from the Alstonville juniors and Far North Coast Waterpolo.

## Country lifesavers head to Cudgen for championships



There will be a full schedule of events at Cudgen Headland this weekend as 1500 athletes compete. Photo supplied

For the second year in a row Cudgen Headland Surf Lifesaving Club will host over 1500 competitors, this upcoming weekend, for the NSW Country Surf Lifesaving Championships.

The Championship is the only event on the surf sports calendar to feature a full range of racing, including surfboats, as well as all age groups from U/8s through to masters, within a two-day surf carnival.

The event has a green footprint, with environmental sponsors, a waste recycling plan and reusable water bottles.

It will also be live-streamed for the first time, allowing the competitors' family and friends at home, all over the state, to watch the action live.

In all, over 30 country NSW SLSCs will attend the event.

Cudgen are the reigning country champions and pushed Byron Bay into second place in 2019, followed by Warilla Barrack Point and then Lennox Head-Alstonville.

All the action this Saturday and Sunday, February 1-2 at Cudgen Beach.

## Wilkinson wins round four of Summer series cycling



Competitors were tested by the undulating Woodford Lane circuit last weekend. Photo supplied

A strong field contested the fourth round of the Byron Bay Cycling Club's Summer Race series at the Woodford Lane circuit last Sunday.

Numbers were down due to wet weather, and the long weekend, but nonetheless competition was strong from all riders, a club spokesperson said.

### Winners

B grade: Murray Wilkinson (Ballina), Alan Hainsworth (Byron), Adam Taylor (Byron).

C grade: Scott Howell (MCC), Michael Pattinson (Byron), Matt Bone (Byron).

D grade: Richard Tanaka (MCC), Glen Hannan (Byron).

## Kennedy's 2020 vision blurred by rule book



Stuart Kennedy slides across the lip at Sunset Beach, Hawaii. Photo Keoki/WSL

### Crystal Cylinders

After the dust settled at Pipe, Lennox Head's Stuart Kennedy found himself as the first reserve for the 2020 Championship Tour after he finished in 12th spot on the Qualifying Series ladder, and 11th placed surfer Morgan Cibilic ended up qualifying.

Kennedy could have been the first one to be called up to surf on the CT if a surfer withdrew from the event due to injury but the WSL has decided to move the goal posts.

'This season, the men's CT will have both Mikey Wright and Leonardo Fioravanti competing for the permanent (second Injury Wildcard spot) during the first three CT events in Australia. After Margaret River, the surfer with the better CT ranking will continue, the other will become the first WSL

Replacement. This surfer will be the only WSL Replacement this year, as we will have only one spot. We will not have three names like in the previous years,' a WSL spokesperson said, seeking to clarify the situation.

So neither Stuart Kennedy, Willian Cardoso nor Jesse Mendes will be 'named' WSL Replacements this season.

Nonetheless, Kennedy still has some hope if there are injured CT surfers, but the sting in the tail comes from the WSL rule book again.

It means that Kennedy, Cardoso or Jesse Mendes only have an opportunity to get called up in the first five events, as injury replacements, based on their 2019 efforts. After the Oi Rio Pro the WSL will look at the top ranked after the first three Challenger Series events for a replacement surfer.

## Australia Day awards for local sports stars

A mountain bike rider, rugby players, a footballer and surfer were all honoured as Sportspeople of the Year by local councils across the region last weekend.

### Byron Bay – Mark 'Mono' Stewart

The council noted that even by his standards Mark had an extraordinary year winning four international adaptive surfing competitions along with a couple of second places.

Mono lost his right leg below the knee to an aggressive bone cancer when he was just 16 and has used surfing to help him through his recovery, both physically and mentally. By the mid 1980s he had become a state champion knee boarder.

'Mark is an inspiration to all surfers and is a highly respected athlete. He is also a devoted husband and father of three. He volunteers for public speaking and is a great ambassador for the sport, his country and the Byron Shire,' the



Hayley Oakes in flight on her BMX. Photo supplied

council said.

### Ballina – Hayley Oakes

'Hayley is an outstanding young woman who is a multiple Australian Mountain Bike Champion,' the council said.

'She has been riding mountain bikes since 2015, and is the current U/17 Australian Champion across three disciplines XCC (cross country criterium), XCO (cross country Olympic), and XCM (cross country

marathon). One of Hayley's goals is to inspire people of all ages to get out and ride their bikes.'

### Ballina – Ben Roche

Lennox Head local, Ben Roche was born with cerebral palsy and started playing football at age six. He enjoyed playing, despite being left on the bench much of the time.

He joined a development squad for the Pararoos, Australia's paralympic football team, and was inspired by athletes just like him.

In 2019 Ben was the Pararoos' vice-captain at the World Championships in Spain and with 53 games in the green and gold, Ben continues to inspire others with and without disabilities

He was also appointed national teams coordinator for Football Federation Australia in 2018.

### Tweed Heads – Olympia Pope

The Sporting Achievement Award went to 11-year-old Olympia Pope, for her achievements in swimming and surf lifesaving

### Lismore – St Carthage's Rugby

The St Carthage's Primary School Rugby 10's team represented their school and the Lismore Rugby Club with pride, great teamwork and sportsmanship.

The team had an outstanding season, culminating in winning the NSW Catholic Schools Rugby 10's Championships against teams from across the state.

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Organisers of Mullum Music Festival say they will take a break for 2020 but will return in November 2021. 'We're a very small team with families and numerous other commitments, so we've decided to catch our breath for 2020,' said festival director Glenn Wright. 'Our popular Mother's Day Tree Planting mini festival will still take place, on Sunday May 10, and we will continue to present concerts in Mullumbimby throughout the year.'

The Byron Bay Ocean Swim Classic is on May 3. For more info, visit [www.byronbayoceanswimclassic.com.au](http://www.byronbayoceanswimclassic.com.au).

Does anyone else think it's hypocritical for both major political parties (The LNP and ALP) to say they accept climate science but support new coal mines?

A Wategos 'trophy home' has sold for \$12m, despite an asking price of \$18.5m two years ago, *Domain* reports. Art dealer Steve Nasteski purchased 'Whale watchers' and had dealings with Brett Whiteley's art. *Domain* writes, 'Wategos was a regular haunt of the iconic Australian artist [Whiteley] in the 1980s, when he produced his masterpiece *Nor-Easterly at Wategos* and painted the local public toilet block, before the work was removed by Council.'

Convicted racist and chief Murdoch climate change denier Andrew Bolt is having



It was fabulous to see young and old singing along to Midnight Oil's tune *Beds are Burning* on Australia Day in Bruns. Should it be Australia's new National Anthem? Photo Jeff Dawson

a go at Bruce Pascoe, author of *Dark Emu*. It's a bit much for the simple-minded Blot - the book proposes that pre-invasion, Indigenous Aboriginals had a thriving and sustainable economy, based on collectivised agriculture and extensive land management. Enter Home Affairs and Sith Lord Darth Dutton, who referred Pascoe to the federal police over Pascoe's claims of Aboriginality. The plod have now dropped the case, citing a lack of evidence. In the spirit of Monty Python's *Life of Brian*: 'I'm Aboriginal, and so is my wife.'

Federal review and advisory body, the Productivity Commission, have reported that 40 per cent of low-income earners receiving Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) are paying more than 30 per cent of their income in rent, while one in eight are shelling out more than half their income just to keep a

roof over their head.

'He's not the messiah, he's

a naughty boy!' Vale Welsh comedian Terry Jones, who died at 77 last week.

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